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September 17, 2022

Re: URGENT - Potentially contaminated fresh water supply to E'cole North Oyster

Dear School District 68 Board of Trustees,
I am writing to you today to share urgent information that has come to our attention regarding the potential contamination of the E'cole North Oyster fresh water supply.

You are probably aware that the source of fresh water for the school is located at a private property at 13264 Cedar Rd., or what is currently known as the 'blueberry farm,' next to Thomas Creek. It has come to our attention that the Schnitzer Steel company has just posted a sign at the back of their property stating, "WARNING, INORGANIC LEAD POISON, Do Not Drink or Smoke, Respiratory Protection Required While Torchers Present" AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY." (Please see attached photos).

NODRA-North Oyster/Diamond Ratepayers Assoc., and VIWWC-Vancouver Island Water Watch Coalition have been working together with assistance from WCEL-West Coast Environmental Law, and our legal team, to address the drinking water well contamination issues of local property owners in the vicinity of Schnitzer Steel, following the fire of 2020.

I realize the NOCC-North Oyster Community Centre water supply is also connected to the water system in use by Ecole Nord Oyster, so I'm making attempts to contact their Board of Directors, as well.

Please find recent photos attached.

Yours truly,

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This sign was erected a few days ago at the back of the Schnitzer Steel property, facing the blueberry farm field and adjacent properties.

This is a photo of liquid run-off from the rear of the Schnitzer Steel property onto the blueberry farm field property.

