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Advocates Celebrate Passage of Lead Poisoning Prevention Legislation

<https://nylcv.org/press-item/advocates-celebrate-passage-of-lead-poisoning-prevention-legislation/>

The legislation will strengthen the current lead poisoning prevention law by reducing the action level to 5 ppb and it gets New York closer to the 1 ppb action level recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. It also increases testing frequency to triennially instead of five years, removes the possibility of exemption, and ensures water at no cost to the school communities when drinking water outlets are taken out of service for repair. The cost of remediation will be fully covered by the State and it requires lab reports be posted online.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal includes funding for Electric School Buses:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/07/28/fact-sheet-historic-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/>

The deal will deliver thousands of electric school buses nationwide, helping school districts buy clean, American-made, zero emission buses. The deal invests \$2.5 billion in zero emission buses, \$2.5 billion in low emission buses, and \$2.5 billion for ferries. These investments will help the more than 25 million children and thousands of bus drivers who breathe polluted air on their rides to and from school. Diesel air pollution is linked to asthma and other health problems that hurt our communities and cause students to miss school, particularly in communities of color and Tribal communities.

Navy has 'no intentions' of dissolving community advisory group for Grumman/Calverton cleanup

<https://riverheadlocal.com/2021/06/25/navy-has-no-intentions-of-dissolving-community-advisory-group-for-grumman-calverton-cleanup-spokesman-says/>

The Navy has no intentions of dissolving the Calverton Restoration Advisory Board and is looking to beef up membership. The Calverton RAB was established to facilitate communication between the community and the Navy regarding the cleanup and restoration of the 2,900-acre site owned by the Navy and leased to Northrop Grumman from the 1950s until 1994. The Navy previously stated if there is no longer community interest, it could dissolve the RAB. The Navy has been under increased pressure to expand groundwater testing and take responsibility for pollution of private wells in the area south of the former manufacturing plant. RAB plans to hold in-person meetings twice a year. Residents interested in becoming a RAB member can download an application at: <https://go.usa.gov/x6kfd>

Stony Brook Faculty Create App To Assess Long Island Water Quality

<https://www.somas.stonybrook.edu/2021/08/10/somas-faculty-release-long-island-water-quality-app/>

First-ever water quality app allows user to instantly know the status of any beach or water body across Long Island. It provides up to the minute information on the open and closed status of hundreds of beaches, and the open and closed status of every bay, harbor, estuary, and river with regard to shellfishing. It also features weekly water quality monitoring of more than 30 locations across Long Island and provides information on algae, fecal coliform bacteria, dissolved, oxygen, water clarity, and harmful algal blooms like brown and red tides.