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To: Local Health Directors and Chief Sanitarians

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Subject: Education Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Lead Poisoning in Children

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is pleased to announce the development and completion of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) *Education Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Lead Poisoning in Children*. The *Guidelines* inform the practice within school districts in:

- lead prevention;
- early identification of students exposed and affected by lead; and
- educational programming in response to lead exposure in order to mitigate existing or potential deficits.

This project is part of a continuing Memorandum of Agreement between DPH and the CSDE where school districts volunteer to send a team of professionals (i.e., school nurse supervisor, teacher, special education/pupil services administrator, school psychologist, and preschool/early childhood administrator) to a workshop to develop a plan on implementing the *Guidelines* in their respective schools/school districts.

The *Guidelines* are now posted on the CSDE's Health promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2663&q=334170>.

Additional regional workshops are scheduled for March 6th and 8th, 2013 (locations to be determined). Please forward this information to your local board of education. A local health department representative is encouraged to attend with staff from your local school(s). Interested parties can contact Stephanie Knutson at stephanie.knutson@ct.gov to learn more.

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