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JNESO RESPONDS TO ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS IN NEWARK SCHOOLS' WATER, ENCOURAGES FUNDING OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL FUND

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NEWARK – On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, JNESO District Council 1, Executive Director, Douglas Placa released the following statement regarding the DEP's announcement of elevated lead levels in Newark's schools' water. JNESO represents the nurses at Newark's Department of Health and Community Wellness who serve on the front lines of providing lead screening and education in Newark.

"The recent announcement from the New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection regarding the elevated levels of lead in Newark schools' water is appalling," said Placa. "Every child throughout the city of Newark and the State should be able to attend school without exposure to toxic, life-altering contamination in their water supply. On behalf of JNESO District Council 1, we strongly urge the Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign legislation to properly fund the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund. We must learn from the mistakes of Flint, Michigan and protect our children and families from this devastating but preventable contamination."

JNESO District Council 1 is a professional healthcare union representing over 5,000 healthcare professionals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is an affiliate of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE).

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