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Thank you for your timely and thorough response to my FOAA request. I very much appreciate all of the effort that went into gathering and organizing the information.

More importantly, I appreciate the aggressive and proactive approach the CESD has brought to bear on these issues.

Mice were an issue in 2021, of course, that was the year of COVID and lots of open windows. It appears, mice have not been a significant issue since, and there is a good program in place to keep the critters out, despite the challenges of open doors and windows.

The lead issue is one that many or all schools in Maine faced in 2022 when the new testing law was enacted. It appears that the school dept went well beyond the minimum in testing and quickly resolved these issues, really quite some time ago.

The mold discovered in 2 classrooms was elevated and may well have resulted from recent grass cutting. In any event, it appears the classroom air is cleaner than that found in most homes, especially after this damp summer.

Clearly, the Dept goes far beyond the minimum requirements in testing both water and air quality. I trusted that the CESD was not permitting children and staff to be in facilities that some would have us believe are plagued by vermin, mold and toxic water. The documents confirm that my trust was not misplaced.

I understand that at the building committee today, there was a confirmation that there are no present concerns with any of these issues.

If I might, I suggest that the teachers be informed that they can all take down whatever remaining signs which suggest the water is not safe.

Lastly, special thanks to Dave Bagdasarian. I think he must have secretly cloned himself. I don't know how he manages to resolve all of these issues, and so many others, plus the municipal issues with competence and good humor.

Thank you, again, to all who may have been inconvenienced by my request for information. I do sincerely appreciate your efforts and service to the community.

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