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Middleton-Cross Plains Area School Board, Board of Education

c/o Bob Hesselbein, President; roberth@mcpasd.k12.wi.us

Dear President Hesselbein,

Several weeks ago, you were provided the following information with references:

1. The Wisconsin DNR stated that the City of Middleton's Municipal Airport-Morey Field ("Morey Airport") produces 32% of the annual airborne lead emissions in Dane County, which has the second highest airborne lead emissions out of all 72 counties in Wisconsin.
2. The results of a Town commissioned Trinity Consulting Study based on an EPA preferred mobile emissions model documented that this airborne lead is deposited directly over schools, parks, playgrounds, and residences in the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District.
3. Scientific studies establishing that children living near or having some regular contact with general aviation airports similar to Morey Airport are almost guaranteed to incur some level of lead toxicity.
4. Medical references verifying:
 - a. There is no safe level of lead in a child.
 - b. Very small amounts of lead in a child can cause several different types of serious health problems.
 - c. Lead accumulates in the body and once inhaled, absorbed or ingested, there is no effective way to treat or remove it.
 - d. Primary prevention is the only defense for avoiding one or more of the adverse health effects that are a result of inhaling airborne lead particles.

This Town Board recognizes its responsibility for the health and safety of all of its residents. You, as an elected school board, have a responsibility for the health and safety of the children of the Town of Middleton when they are in your care in the district schools. The previously cited scientific reports and studies provide ample evidence of a serious potential health risk to the children of the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District at almost all times they are present in the District Schools or on school premises.

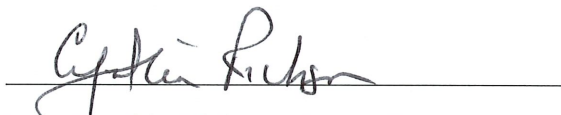
Most parents are not likely to be aware of this lead toxicity health risk to their children since most of the referenced material is of relatively recent origin. In addition, the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District is unique in that it appears to be the only District in Dane County or the surrounding areas in which most of the District's school buildings are subject to daily exposure to breathable, airborne lead particles from leaded aviation gas exhaust used in piston-

driven aircraft. Under these conditions, we believe the school board has an obligation to recognize this health risk to the children in the District Schools and to make parents aware of it.

We expect, as a responsible elected board, you will acknowledge the potential lead toxicity exposure to the children in the Middleton Cross Plains Area District Schools and at a minimum, advise parents that it may pose a potential health problem for their children. We also expect you to provide whatever support you believe is appropriate to help significantly reduce or eliminate the airborne lead pollution over District Schools. This is a public health issue that you cannot ignore.

The information furnished to you has also been provided to Madison & Dane County Public Health as we believe that entity also has a responsibility to help resolve this public health problem.

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