

Board Action Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Lead Work Group: Implementation Update on Lead Mitigation Recommendations

Summary of Recommended Board Action

ACTION: Add lead testing requirement to rules and direct the Early Learning Division to post results and estimate the costs needed for remediation once the extent of the problem is understood.

ISSUE: The harmful impact of lead exposure during a child's development, especially for the youngest children, is well known and well documented.

BACKGROUND: In September 2016, the Early Learning Council requested the Early Learning Division convene a workgroup of staff and stakeholders to bring recommendations to the Council on water testing and lead mitigation in child care settings. An interim report and workgroup presentation were provided in February 2017.

The Early Learning Council adopted the recommendation of the cross-sector Lead Workgroup, which was for regulation, training and outreach, but did not include lead testing. Further discussion with cross-sector partners, coordination with city water bureaus and a clear directive from the Governor indicate the need for required lead testing in child care facilities.

ACTION PRECEDING RECOMMENDED BOARD ADOPTION: An interim report was accepted by the Early Learning Council at their February 2017 meeting, followed by a presentation. The Early Learning Council adopted initial recommendations at the September 2017 meeting.

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