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**From:** Parker Grimmer  
**To:** Susan Willis  
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Susan,

I am not sure if you are already aware, but I wanted to provide you with an FYI, keep you in the loop and up-to-date regarding several breaches in protocols with removing lead paint and asbestos ceiling tiles at TOSH the construction group working on the renovations last week. PSB staff (Chris Keefe, Mac Fuller, Andrew MacArdle, Gerard MacConnack) met with TIE and APM, and changes have been made to safeguard future work.

There were the three breaches by workers who did not follow proper protocols. While Chris feels the exposures in these cases are low and hopefully the risk to students and staff is also low, it will be an issue that needs to be communicated to TOSH staff, and at some point in the near future, someone will likely need to communicate these events to others also. I will fill you in on this further if you wish. Thanks,

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Dear Premier,

I am shocked and appalled at the revelation that your government knew about multiple breaches of asbestos protocols in March 2017 at Three Oaks Senior High School.

According to recently publicized emails, these incidents were known within the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Energy and the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture in the immediate aftermath of them occurring.

Mr. Parker Grimmer, Director of the Public Schools Branch made it clear in these emails that three separate breaches occurred with the school. His notification to his Deputy Minister editorialized and trivialized these breaches and stated that "...hopefully the risk to students and staff is also low, it will be an issue that needs to be communicated to TOSH staff, and at some point in the near future, someone will likely need to communicate these events to others also".

This email was written by the Director of the Public Schools Branch on March 12, 2017, notifying his superior the Deputy Minister of Education. Today is July 12, 2017, and these multiple breaches have never been publicly acknowledged by your government.

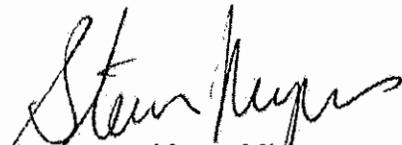
Premier, why has your government sat on this public safety issue involving students, school staff, and community members and never once communicated this to the community? Islanders deserve to be told the truth on this matter and in an expedient and timely way. Rather, only through a prolonged Freedom of Information ordeal, has this matter come to public light.

The risk of exposure to young learners, to staff members, to construction workers and to all facility users is an unmitigated concern. Across the country, asbestos is managed in place based on Health Canada guidelines, which state that there is no significant health risk if materials containing asbestos are properly managed and maintained in good condition.

These breaches in protocols with removing lead paint and an asbestos ceiling tile disturbed the toxic materials and require a complete investigation to determine potential exposure to facility users for the past five months.

In closing, I also request that you immediately remove Mr. Grimmer from his leadership position as director of the Public Schools Branch and terminate his employment with Government for breach of public trust.

Sincerely,



Steven Myers, MLA