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Carmen Fariña
Chancellor
New York City Department of Education
Tweed Courthouse
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Fariña,

We write regarding information sharing about elevated lead levels in our local schools. According to a recent *Downtown Express* article, five out of six elementary schools and nine total schools in Lower Manhattan have tested positive for elevated levels of lead. We are troubled by the lack of information shared by the Department of Education (DOE) regarding

See a copy of the letter above, and read more about it at the [Downtown Express](#).

Following [a report in Downtown Express that eight out of 10 public schools in Lower Manhattan have tested positive for dangerous levels of lead in their water](#), state Senator Daniel Squadron has rallied Downtown elected officials to demand full transparency about the problem from the Department of Education.

Squadron, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, Assemblymembers Yuh-Line Niou and Deborah Glick, and Councilmember Margaret Chin all signed onto a letter to Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina demanding full disclosure of specific results for all affected schools.

Read the full story at [at the Downtown Express](#).