

## Letter to Rutland School Board

Recent U.S. Government research provides the strongest evidence yet that fluoride poses a clear potential for harm to the brains of fetuses and young children. The attached flier summarizes the latest findings and a new initiative by the Fluoride Action Network, with whom I am active.

The initiative is called Moms 2B and aims to persuade expectant mothers to avoid fluoridated water. As a related issue, FAN hopes that mothers who need or choose to bottle-feed their infant children will use unfluoridated water.

Because of the ever-stronger evidence of fluoride's neurotoxic effects and its link to IQ, I believe this should be a matter of concern to educators. I say this while well aware of the ongoing "safe-and-effective" assurances of the dental and public health sectors. Those assurances simply do not stand up to rigorous scrutiny.

I'd appreciate the chance to appear at a forthcoming School Board meeting to briefly present the flier and answer any questions the board may have. My goal ultimately would be to have the board take a position against the city's 30-plus-year practice of fluoridating the city water supply. Short of that, alerting young parents through the school system to fluoride's risks would at least help protect the most vulnerable.

Looking at the City Schools website, I'm guessing the board is on a brief summer hiatus. A future meeting would be fine.

Sincerely,

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