Blanchet, Meg (DPH)

From:

Sent:

Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:15 PM

To:

Blanchet, Meg (DPH)

Subject:

Re: Vocal Tics Investigation

Thank you very much. I'm glad to report our as been symptom free for over a year. Our initial suspicion of conversion was probably correct.

Thank you again.

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

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From: "Blanchet, Meg (DPH)" < meg.blanchet@state.ma.us>

Date: Thu, Nov 20, 2014 12:40 pm Subject: Vocal Tics Investigation

Hello,

Attached please find a report summarizing the final results of our investigation of neurological vocal tics and repetitive hiccups reported among students attending Essex Agricultural and Technical High School and North Shore Technical High School, Essex County, Massachusetts. The attached document provides an overall summary of results of several concurrent efforts initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health (MDPH/BEH) to investigate reports of vocal tic symptoms among students attending these schools. In addition to the attached summary, copies of the complete reports providing greater details on these investigations may be accessed on the MDPH website using the following link:

 $\underline{http://www.mass.qov/eohhs/qov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/investigations/vocal-disorders.html}$

We sent this to the schools but wanted to make sure you also received a copy. Please feel free to share this with other parents you know who may be interested in the findings as we don't have an email address for everyone.

We would be happy to speak with you about any questions you may have regarding these reports and the outcome of our investigation activities. Please feel free to contact us at (617) 624-5757.

Thanks, Meg Blanchet

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