

Margaret A. Murphy



November 9, 2023

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Dear Commissioners:

Well, it is official. On Tuesday, I completed my last assignment as Senior Associate Attorney for the Erie County Water Authority. Yesterday, I finalized the date of my retirement with the New York State and Local Retirement System. My retirement will begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

It seems fitting that I started and ended my career as a public servant, having served the people of both the City of Buffalo and the County of Erie for more than twenty years. I am grateful to the Board for allowing me the pleasure and opportunity to serve as a member of the Authority's Legal Department.

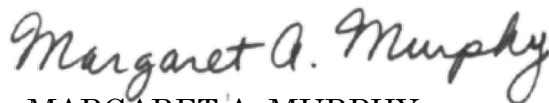
I am retiring one month short of my seventh anniversary with the Authority. Like others who have retired before me, my time at the Authority has been both challenging and rewarding. During these years, I have been blessed to work with so many talented and dedicated people who have educated and guided me on the operation of a world-class public water treatment and distribution system.

Not everyone in the State can boast as having a reliable public source of potable water. I know this all too well, as having grown up outside of the City of Watertown and still having family in the Watertown area. Where I grew up there was no source of public water outside of the City of Watertown. Last month, the City of Watertown had a major water break, causing every business, school, home, hospital, and skilled nursing facility within the City to be without water for days, and then after having water restored, having to boil water for even more days.

It should never be taken for granted how fortunate we are to have men and women working 24-7 at the Authority. I am thankful to have been a small part of this operation. I extend my best wishes to the Board and to every dedicated ECWA personnel who

continues to serve the public in the mission of providing a plentiful and reliable supply of safe, high quality and affordable drinking water to those in Erie County and beyond.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Margaret A. Murphy". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

MARGARET A. MURPHY

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