Detroit Health Department

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School Name:_____

Protecting Detroit children from lead

Dear Principal:

We are contacting you regarding our shared efforts to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for Detroit children. Given the recent news about potential lead contamination of school drinking water in Michigan schools, including Howell and Westland, the Detroit Health Department is being proactive to assure that the water in schools, preschools, daycares, and childcare centers is clean and free of lead.

Therefore, we are asking that your school either:

1) Furnish evidence of water testing your campus meeting EPA criteria (https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-drinking-water-schools-and-child-care-facilities) conducted after 4/15/2015; or

2) Conduct water testing for lead contamination. Water testing should be conducted according to EPA criteria by a 3rd party (more on specific criteria and 3rd party vendors in the accompanying sheet).

These are required by June 15th, 2016.

To offset the costs of testing, the Detroit Health Department will reimburse your school for up to $225, with funding made possible by a generous grant from the Children's Hospital Foundation of Michigan.

If there is evidence of lead contamination above the actionable level of 15 parts per billion, we will require a full assessment and mitigation plan.

Further, the Detroit Health Department recommends that all children under the age of 6 be tested annually for elevated blood lead.

Additional resources about Lead can be found at the following websites or by calling the telephone numbers provided:

1. Detroit Health Department Lead Program: 313-876-0133
2. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) www.cdc/gov/ncel/lead; 800-232-4636
3. Us Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): www.epa.gov/nlic.htm. 800-424-LEAD
4. US Department of Housing and Urban Development: www.hud.gov/lea
5. US Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline: www.cpcs.gov 800-638-2772

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Sincerely,

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