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Re: Testing for Lead in Drinking Water in Schools

Dear School Official:

In 2017, the State of Maryland passed House Bill 270, which required periodic, ongoing testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in all public and nonpublic school buildings. **If you are receiving this letter, your school is noncompliant.**

The Archdiocese's Catholic Schools Office is working in collaboration with the Real Estate and Facilities Management Office to ensure that all schools comply with the state of Maryland's requirement to test for the presence of lead in drinking water by October 31, 2019.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is overseeing the testing program and all schools must (i) test for the presence of lead in drinking water every 3 years; (ii) report these results to the State; and (iii) take action if lead levels exceed 5 parts per billion. (ppb). Schools that are serviced by public water systems must test all drinking water outlets in the school building(s) from which water is consumed or used for drink and food preparation.

Individual schools are free to select their own qualified vendor or to contact one of the qualified vendors utilized by the Archdiocese. The contact information for the Archdiocesan approved vendors is included with this letter. The Real Estate and Facilities Management Office will also be available to assist any schools that require remedial action, if necessary, based upon the test results and the recommendations of the testing companies.

We appreciate your cooperation with this effort, and we ask each school to take all necessary steps to arrange for testing and submit the results as required to the State of Maryland. In addition to submitting the required information to the State of Maryland, please provide the Office of Real Estate and Facilities Management with a copy of the test results, deferrals or waivers via email to facilitiescontracts@adw.org. We ask that all schools submit a copy of the results to the Archdiocese no later than November 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

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and Facilities Management Office



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