



GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION

RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL DRINKING WATER QUALITY TESTING, MONITORING, AND MAINTENANCE AND ASSOCIATED BOTTLED WATER AVAILABILITY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition is a nonprofit Michigan collective impact organization whose mission is to improve the health status of the residents of Genesee County and to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in Genesee County;

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors is composed of representatives and leadership from Flint & Genesee County's hospitals, physicians, healthcare providers, health insurers, business, government, educators and schools, organized labor, and community residents.

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors has engaged in multiple discussions and reviewed detailed information regarding the state of the City of Flint's water supply and its potential health impacts to all residents.

WHEREAS, evidence-based research indicates that even a small amount of lead in a child's body can cause serious health problems. Studies have demonstrated lead's compromising effects on child health, the immune system, and association with impairments in neurobehavioral factors such as a child's learning skills, hearing, and self-regulatory ability resulting in delinquent behavior. Children may be more susceptible to the adverse health effects of chemical, physical, and biological hazards than adults, while having reduced immunity, immaturity of organs and functions than adults. Furthermore, rapid growth and development can make children more vulnerable to the toxic effects of environmental hazards than adults.

WHEREAS, during critical developmental stages, children spend much of their day within school environments. The current action limit for lead in drinking water of 15 ppb is a regulatory measure, not a public health one. Research shows that there is no 100 percent "safe" level of lead in drinking water for school children.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has committed to supporting the City of Flint in recovery from city-wide lead contamination of Flint's water supply, providing resources and financial support to ensure water quality improvements, pipe replacement, healthcare, food resources, educational resources, job training and creation, and more. These committed resources include the availability, distribution, and warehousing of bottled water for local schools made possible through a public-private partnership between the State of Michigan and a coalition of national corporations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors recommends the State of Michigan continue to provide resources to ensure a robust protocol is developed, implemented, and sustained that ensures school building water quality is free of contaminants and toxins, including lead and bacteria, and safe for the consumption of children at all times, prior to any discontinuation of State of Michigan supported bottled water availability for school facilities and school children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors recommends the State of Michigan, its Department of Environmental Quality, and its Department of Education collaborate with the City of Flint, Flint Community Schools, School for the Deaf, and local private and charter schools to develop and implement a sustainable protocol to ensure school water safety that includes detailed water monitoring and maintenance protocols and schedules, guidance on flushing of pipes and filter replacement/maintenance as deemed necessary given the condition of the water system, technical assistance, and both regulatory and independent oversight to ensure such protocols are sustained by associated state, local, and school system entities.

THIS RESOLUTION has been unanimously adopted effective November 20, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Levine, Secretary