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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2019
TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
SUBJECT: SCHOOL DRINKING WATER TRAINING PROGRAM

FREE SCHOOL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For Michigan's traditional public schools, public school academies, and registered nonpublic schools, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will help identify school plumbing containing lead. The DEQ can schedule your voluntary school site visit where we will help develop the following:

- Plumbing Assessment and Profile;
- Sampling Plan; and a
- Public Communication Plan.

Also, the DEQ will show districts how to collect an investigative sample and explain the components of a lead risk reduction education plan.

The funding is limited for these technical site visits, so if you are interested, please contact the DEQ to be added to the list. We look forward to helping each school reduce its drinking water's lead exposure.

Please contact Holly Gohlke, School Drinking Water Coordinator, Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by phone 989-705-3422 or email at gohlkeh@michigan.gov. For additional information, please visit www.michigan.gov/schoolwater.

Note:

- **Please know funding is not available to cover lab costs for drinking water testing**
- **Program ends 9/30/19 or sooner, should funding runs out**
- **Districts at highest risk of lead exposure in drinking water will be given higher priority**

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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