



**Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Prince George's County Public Schools Community,

Since 2004, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has worked to methodically address and improve water quality throughout the system.

As part of that work, we will begin comprehensive testing next month for lead in all schools and centers, working with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and an independent laboratory.

Like school systems across the country, we have received inquiries about the quality of our water. For more than a decade, PGCPS has worked to provide students and staff with safe drinking water in compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandates. These actions have included flushing the system, replacing pipes and fixtures, and completely turning off fixtures. Comprehensive testing will allow for systemic identification of major issues, any subsequent updates to our remediation plan, and other steps to address water quality.

We want you to have accurate information about our work to date and going forward. A list of Frequently Asked Questions is on the back of this letter. You can also find detailed information about our Water Quality Program at [www.pgcps.org/water-quality-program](http://www.pgcps.org/water-quality-program).

Prince George's County Public Schools will continue working to make sure that your child has safe water to drink in our school buildings. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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