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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 18-0095R		

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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 18-0095R introduced by Council Member Stokes, Council President Young and Council Members Dorsey, Costello, Bullock, Burnett, Schleifer, Pinkett, Cohen, Sneed, Reisinger, Middleton, Scott and Henry.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the CEO of the Baltimore Public School System, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Health Commissioner to appear before the City Council to provide information about why the water fountains in City schools are not being used, about the costs to the school systems for the use of bottled water since 2007, about the water testing in the schools since 2007, and about any plans to restore water fountains and other water use equipment to safe use.

As the provider of municipal drinking water, our water filtration plants must meet stringent standards for a variety of contaminates and compounds, including lead. Water leaving the filtration plants contains less than 0.002 mg/L of lead. This measurement means that lead is either not present in the water or is present at such low levels that it cannot be detected. The filtration plants' processes also include adding lime to the finished water to ensure the water is not corrosive. Corrosive water can leach lead from older pipes, solder and fixtures installed in homes, businesses and institutions prior to lead content bans.

The Department of Public Works is prepared to appear before the Council as requested by City Council Resolution 18-0095R to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the quality of water supplied to all customers, including the Baltimore Public School System.


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