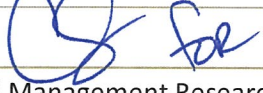



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The Honorable President and
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 Room 400, City Hall

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City Council Resolution 18-0095R has been introduced for the purpose of requesting the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Director of Baltimore City's 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 system for the use of bottled water since 2007, about the results of water testing in the schools since 2007, and about any plans to restore school water fountains and other water use equipment to safe use.

The Department of Finance has reviewed the resolution and the response from Baltimore City Public Schools and former Health Commissioner Dr. Joshua Sharfstein documenting the transition from the use of water fountains to bottled water in schools due to lead contamination found in water from fountains. These responses suggest that both gains in student safety and cost savings have been achieved due to this switch and that the costs, benefits, and risks of alternatives to bottled water in schools should continue to be weighed.

The Department will be present at the hearing for this resolution.

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