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Dear Eastpointe Community Schools families,

The City of Eastpointe recently collected samples from 30 homes with known lead service lines. Of these 30 samples, five exceeded the "Action Level," which triggers additional investigations and educational outreach in the community.

This does not mean that every household in Eastpointe has elevated lead levels, however, it does mean that families should be aware of possible sources of lead, how it gets into drinking water, and things you can do to reduce exposure.

Here at Eastpointe Community Schools, we have confirmed with the city of Eastpointe that we do not have lead service lines running into any of our school buildings. We have regular water testing conducted in all of our facilities.

In addition, the district entered a contract with DiHydro Services in 2016 to begin a preventative treatment process on our school water systems, which coats the inside of the water piping with a food-grade silicate that prevents lead and other contaminants from entering the water supply. Families should also know that we installed water bottle filling stations in our school buildings starting in 2018. The filters in these stations are effective in filtering lead and are available to students and staff to fill water bottles or cups during the day.

The City of Eastpointe and the Macomb County Health Department will be distributing free water filter kits today, Wednesday, October 19, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Department of Public Works building at 17750 Ten Mile Road. After this event, water filters will be available at Eastpointe City Hall and at the DPW offices during regular business hours. The city and the health department will also be hosting an open house at Eastpointe City Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, where residents can meet one-on-one with city, county, and state officials to ask questions and discuss concerns about individual properties. Residents can also contact the city to find out whether or not their home has lead service lines and request water testing. For more information, <u>visit the city's website</u>.

We are continuing to do everything we can to ensure that our students and staff have clean, safe drinking water in our schools. For more information and resources, <u>please visit our website</u>.

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