



Date

*Principal/Superintendent/Contact Person*

*School Name*

*Address*

*City, State, Zip*

RE: Required Lead Sampling at *School Name*

Dear *Principal/Superintendent/Contact Person,*

In 2017, the Governor of California signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 746, requiring water systems in California to test the water for lead at all K-12 public schools that the public water system serves. This testing is required to be completed before July 1, 2019.

**Why test school drinking water for lead?**

Per information from the California State Water Board Division of Drinking Water, recent events in the United States have shown, lead in drinking water remains an on-going public health concern. Although lead is rarely found in California's drinking water sources, water passing through older plumbing fixtures can be exposed to lead. The Lead and Copper Rule requires public water systems to test for lead in the drinking water but does not require schools to test their water for lead.

**Is my school required to be tested for lead per Assembly Bill 746?**

All public schools with buildings constructed prior to January 1, 2010 and provided water by a public water system must have their water tested for lead by July 1, 2019. AB 746 does not apply to private schools.

Public schools may be exempt from testing if they meet one of the following requirements:

- The school was constructed after January 1, 2010 or had the plumbing system replaced after January 1, 2010. Proof of new construction or plumbing system replacement after January 1, 2010 must be submitted to Santa Rosa Water.
- The school is a regulated community water system that tests its water in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule.
- The school tested its water system for lead after January 1, 2009 and posted the information on the school's website.

If your school is not required to have the water tested for lead, you must send a letter by November 9, 2018 to:

Mike Simi, Water Quality Supervisor  
Santa Rosa Water  
35 Stony Point Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

In the letter, you must include the name and location of the school and state the reason why your school is not required to be tested for lead. If your school was constructed after January 1, 2010 or had

the plumbing system replaced after January 1, 2010, you must include proof of construction with your letter.

**What are the next steps?**

If your school is required to test for lead per Assembly Bill 746, please contact the City of Santa Rosa's Water Quality Team by **November 9, 2018** at (707) 543-3965 to schedule an initial appointment to develop the sampling plan for your school. Water Quality staff will set-up a time to meet at your school, review the school's plumbing system, and identify sample locations. Santa Rosa Water will take and analyze the samples at no cost to the school.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Water Quality Team at (707) 543-3965 or via email at [waterquality@srcity.org](mailto:waterquality@srcity.org) or visit the Water Quality website at [srcity.org/LeadTesting](http://srcity.org/LeadTesting).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Burke".

Jennifer Burke  
Deputy Director, Water Resources