



Statement from Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Director and Health Officer of The Detroit Health Department

The Detroit Health Department is fully supportive of the proactive approach of Dr. Nikolai Vitti and the DPSCD School Board in testing all water sources and protecting the health of children.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, human skin does not absorb lead in water and there is no known risk in using DPSCD water for washing hands and showering.

The Detroit Health Department recommends that all children in Detroit under the age of 6 be tested for lead every year. The Detroit Health Department provides free lead testing for all Detroit students at its Samaritan Center Clinic at 5555 Conner, Detroit, Michigan, 48213. Call [313-410-8142](tel:313-410-8142) to make an appointment or visit www.detroitmi.gov/health.