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**DeKalb County Schools Celebrate Lead-Free Water Report,  
Reaffirm Commitment to Safety**

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)—The DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) celebrates the DeKalb County Government's recent report confirming no known lead pipes in the county's public drinking water system. This milestone reinforces the District's confidence in the safety of the water provided to its schools and community.

On November 14, DeKalb County announced that a federally mandated inventory found no lead pipes within the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's infrastructure. Conducted in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and the guidelines of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division, the inventory met the federal deadline of October 2024. Residents and interested individuals can access the inventory by clicking "Check your line" at [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/watershed-management/lcrr](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/watershed-management/lcrr).

"We sincerely thank the DeKalb County Government and the Department of Watershed Management for their clear dedication to providing safe, contaminant-free water," said DCSD Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton. "Their rigorous testing and advanced filtration technology ensure our schools' water supply exceeds strict safety standards. DCSD remains committed to offering healthy learning environments by guaranteeing access to clean drinking water across all our schools and properties."

While not mandatory, DCSD proactively tests and replaces drinking sources like water fountains, especially in buildings constructed before the 1990s. Once a school meets EPA standards, lead should not be present unless it originates from a water treatment plant.

The DeKalb County Government encourages residents to test their private residential lines to ensure no lead materials were used during construction. DCSD supports this initiative and urges community members to remain informed about water safety.

For more information about DCSD's lead testing program at schools, please visit the District's dedicated webpage at <https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/lead-testing/>.

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