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3 Title: Regular Monitoring of Water at School and Daycare Sites
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10 Referred to: Reference Committee D
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12 House Action: **APPROVE**
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15 Whereas, young children are among the most vulnerable to the neurotoxic effects of lead, and

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17 Whereas, schools and daycares are places where children spend a significant amount of time,
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20 Whereas, schools and daycares are not currently required to test the water that they give
21 children for lead or other hazardous materials under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and

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23 Whereas, lead in water levels at Eisenhower Elementary School, Freeman Elementary school
24 and Brownell/Holmes STEM Academy in Flint all tested above 15 ppb, with Freeman testing at 101 ppb¹,
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27 Whereas, testing was not conducted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
28 (MDEQ) at any schools until specifically requested by the Genesee County Health Department, and

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30 Whereas, despite having samples picked up by the MDEQ on October 2, 2015, with a promise of
31 a “24 hour turnaround,” it was ordered by Governor Snyder not to release any lead level results of
32 Genesee County until after a press conference on October 8, 2015²; therefore be it

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34 RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby for a mandate that all schools and registered daycare sites be
35 among those sites routinely chosen by municipal water quality assurance testing as part of the Safe
36 Drinking Water Act enforcement; and be it further

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38 RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby for a requirement that in cases where there are abnormal test
39 results from water testing at schools and registered daycare sites, these sites should continue to be
40 tested repeatedly until results return to normal; and be it further

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42 RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our
43 AMA to lobby at the federal level for the following mandates: 1) that all schools and registered daycare
44 sites be among those sites routinely chosen by municipal water quality assurance testing as part of the
45 Safe Drinking Water Act enforcement; and 2) in cases where there are abnormal test results from water
46 testing at schools and registered daycare sites, these sites should continue to be tested repeatedly until
47 results return to normal.
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50 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Mlive - http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/three_flint_schools_water_exce.html
² Mlive - http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/02/flint_schools_sent_lead_water.html