



CHAPELGATE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 18, 2018

Dear CCA Parents and Church members,

In compliance with a new state regulation requiring lead testing of drinking water outlets in all Maryland schools, both the Academy and church tested our building drinking water on November 16. The testing was conducted to comply with the new state regulation, and not because of any concerns we had with the drinking water at Chapelgate.

Out of 32 fixtures tested on November 16, two fixtures (our kitchen steamer and soda machine) showed elevated levels of lead. We immediately took these fixtures out of use and contracted with ARC Environmental to assist us in both taking additional samples properly and to advise us on actions to take. It appears that in our initial testing, the fixtures were not flushed and tested properly. Upon taking new water samples with the correct procedures on December 6, under the supervision of ARC Environmental, we received the lead water level tests results back. We are happy to report that **both devices were below the action level** of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings.

Both our kitchen steamer and soda machine will remain out of use until remediation is accomplished. The safety, health, and well-being of our Chapelgate family will remain our top priority.

We are required by law to provide the academy parents and staff with the attached notice. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us personally.

Sincerely,

Jim McKee
Executive Pastor
Chapelgate Presbyterian Church

Melissa Barrett
Head of School
Chapelgate Christian Academy