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TO: School Superintendents and School Facility Managers

FROM: Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division

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SUBJECT: Drinking Water Quality Management Plan

During this time of little to no use of some school buildings, there are plumbing system management practices that should be done to keep the water moving in the system to prevent water stagnation and promote quality drinking water during low occupancy or prior to the return of students.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy recommends a drinking water quality management plan to maintain fresh water to every tap used for consumption. The plan should include remedial and routine flushing, cleaning or replacement of aerators and screens, filter maintenance and replacement, and the testing of outlets dedicated for drinking or food preparation purposes after any intervention is implemented and prior to resumed use.

Information concerning the risks of water stagnation and guidance on maintaining the quality of drinking water within your facilities can be found at Michigan.gov/SchoolWater.

If you have questions regarding school drinking water safety, please contact Ms. Holly Gohlke, Environmental Quality Specialist, Lead and Copper Unit, Community Water Supply Section, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division, at 517-220-1904, or by email at GohlkeH@Michigan.gov.