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### **MEMORANDUM No. 49**

### **Ensuring Drinking Water Quality in Schools During and After Extended Closures**

**TO: District Facilities Directors**

**FROM: Greg Dunbar, MBA, AIA, Manager, District Facilities Branch**

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A link to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document addressing reducing lead levels in drinking water when reopening schools after extended periods of closure was provided in Arch Memo No. 47. Lead contamination is of particular concern to school systems and can become an issue where water lines have not been used for extended periods. School buildings that have sat empty may have poor water quality due to stagnation in buildings' water lines.

My recent attempts to open this document via this link have not been successful. Therefore, in order to assure that you have access to this important information related the wellbeing of your students, this document is attached to this memo.

Please take time to read the attached document and apply its principles to your facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns, your local water system is an excellent resource. You also can contact [Gabriel Tanner](#) at the Kentucky Division of Water with questions.

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Attachment: Ensuring Drinking Water Quality in Schools During and After Extended Closures