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Despite progress nationally in reducing children's exposure to lead, there's a crisis in our own backyard of Flint, Michigan, where lead-contaminated water is causing a public health emergency. We are deeply disturbed by this critical situation, particularly how it's impacting children and families of color.

This crisis makes the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's commissioned report, *Managing Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Early Childhood Education Facilities*, timely and even more important. While our hearts go out to our Flint neighbors in need, our hope is that this report will help other communities in ensuring their drinking water supplies are lead-free. All kids need and deserve safe drinking water to support their health and well-being. This is especially important in schools and early childhood education facilities where kids spend a majority of their time and where the federal Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act mandates free drinking water be available.

Our report provides steps that schools and early childhood education facilities can take to test water supplies and offers suggestion for any necessary remediation. We've also created a key findings summary and a toolkit for ease of use.

It's in everyone's best interests to safeguard our drinking water and ensure our children can grow up in healthy environments where safe drinking water is readily available to support kids' health, learning and well-being. We hope our report is a step in this direction.

Please read and share this report with your colleagues and on your social media channels using the #HealthyKids hashtag.

Sincerely,

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