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Katrina T. McCombs, Superintendent  
Camden City Schools, Camden County  
1033 Cambridge Street  
Camden, NJ 08105

via email

**Re: Exemption from Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water**

Dear Ms. McCombs,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) received your application for Exemption from the lead testing requirements for the statewide testing year of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(j) Safe Drinking Water in Schools, entities may request an exemption from the lead testing requirements if they can demonstrate that they do not use any drinking water outlets for consumption or food preparation in any of their facilities.

**Based on the review of your application, the NJDOE grants Camden City School District (EXCEPT the Camden High Campus, which includes Camden High School, Creative Arts Academy, Brimm Medical Arts and Big Picture Learning Academy) an exemption request from lead testing.** Pursuant to the regulations, this approval letter shall be made available for public inspection at all facilities for which the exemption is granted and on the entity's website. The entity must reapply for an exemption or begin lead testing every statewide testing year, the next being in the 2024-2025 school year.

For more information regarding Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water, visit NJDOE's website at <https://www.nj.gov/education/lead/>. For questions or concerns, email the NJDOE at [leadtesting@doe.nj.gov](mailto:leadtesting@doe.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kutner".

Susan Kutner  
Director, Office of School Facilities Planning

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c: Daryl Minus Vincent, Executive County Superintendent – Camden County  
Suzanne Abdill, Executive County School Business Official – Camden County