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Jennifer Reinhardt, Site Director  
North Ward Center, Essex County  
Schools at 300, 346, 475 Mount Prospect and 341 Roseville Avenue  
Newark, NJ

**via email**

### **Re: 2024-2025 Exemption from Testing of Lead in School Drinking Water**

Dear Chief School Administrator,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) received your applications for Exemption from the lead testing requirements for the statewide testing year of July 1, 2024 through June 30 2025. 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 applications, the NJDOE grants NORTH WARD CENTER schools at the locations listed above an exemption from lead in school drinking water testing.** Pursuant to the regulations, this approval letter shall be made available for public inspection at each school facility 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 2027-2028 school year.

For more information regarding Testing and Reporting for Lead in School Drinking Water, visit NJDOE's [Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov/education/lead-testing) website. 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: Joseph Zarra, Executive County Superintendent – Essex County  
John Ferraro, Executive County School Business Official - Essex County