



**RESOLUTION in Support of the Leading on Lead Bill
(Senate Bill 48/Assembly Bill 78)**

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire School Board remains committed to protecting the water supply in Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) buildings; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Superintendent and Buildings and Grounds Department, the District periodically tests the water at drinking fountains in school buildings; and

WHEREAS, municipal water utilities have little flexibility to help homeowners replace lead pipes in their homes and on their property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Leading on Lead Bill (Senate Bill 48/Assembly Bill 78) creates a commonsense tool, equipping local municipalities to provide greater financial assistance to homeowners to remove and replace lead pipes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Assembly Bill 298, referred to the Committee on Energy and Utilities, requires testing for lead in drinking water in buildings used for educational and child care purposes; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, young children are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of lead and can suffer profound and permanent adverse health effects, particularly affecting the development of the brain and nervous system (thus impacting a child's cognitive social and emotional development); and

WHEREAS, children who survive lead poisoning may be left with mental disabilities and behavioral challenges. In particular lead affects children's brain development resulting in reduced intelligence quotient (IQ), changes such as reduced attention span and increased antisocial behavior. The neurological and behavioral effects of lead are believed to be irreversible; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Wisconsin's children to act quickly on these pieces of legislation to ensure that all communities throughout the state are safe from the long-term damage of lead poisoning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire School Board calls on Governor Walker, the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the Wisconsin Senate to support Senate Bill 48/Assembly Bill 78, the Leading on Lead Bill and Assembly Bill 298 to affirm their commitment to the health and safety of children and families in Wisconsin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Eau Claire School Board for the Eau Claire Area School District, have executed this resolution this 19th day of June, 2017.

Chris Hambuch Boyle, President

Kathryn Duax, Vice President

Aaron Harder, Treasurer

Joe Luginbill, Clerk

Eric Torres, Board Member

Charles Vue, Board Member

Jennifer Fager, Board Member