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Lead Testing and Consistent Water Quality Plan

I. Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to establish a comprehensive, board-approved plan for testing and maintaining water quality at New Discoveries Montessori Academy in compliance with Minnesota Statutes. The plan ensures safe and healthy drinking water for all students and staff.

II. Legal Authority

This plan is adopted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §121A.335, Subd. 2, requiring school districts and charter schools to adopt the commissioners' model plan or develop an alternative plan to accurately and efficiently test for the presence of lead in water.

III. Scope

NDMA serves PreK–8 students and is required to comply with water quality testing laws for all instructional buildings that house students.

IV. Plan Adoption

The NDMA School Board adopts this Lead Testing and Consistent Water Quality Plan as its district plan, developed in alignment with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) guidance and statutory requirements.

V. Testing Requirements

1. Initial Testing: All water fixtures used for drinking or food preparation must be tested at least once every five years.
2. Ongoing Testing: Testing will be repeated every five years or more frequently if required or if elevated lead levels are detected.
3. Documentation: NDMA will maintain written records of all water testing and remediation actions for a minimum of 15 years.

VI. Response to Elevated Lead Levels

If any sample exceeds the EPA action level (currently 5 ppb):

- The fixture will be shut off or signage posted immediately.
- Remediation steps such as fixture replacement or plumbing updates will occur promptly.

VII. Communication and Reporting

- Testing results will be shared annually with the NDMA School Board and published on the school website.
- NDMA will submit required results and compliance reports to the Minnesota Department of Health.
- NDMA will directly notify parents/guardians of any test result of 5 parts per billion (ppb) or greater within 30 days, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §121A.335.

VIII. Staff Training and Oversight

- The Facilities Manager or designated administrator will oversee testing schedules and documentation.
- Custodial and maintenance staff will receive training regarding water fixture maintenance and testing procedures.

IX. Review and Updates

This plan will be reviewed annually or upon legislative updates to ensure ongoing compliance.

SCHEDULE:

NDMA Lead Testing Schedule	
02.18.2025	Completed
July 2029	
July 2034	
July 2039	