November 30, 2016

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
Office of the Governor
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee,

The Clark County Board of Health is writing to affirm its support for Lead Directive 16-06, which was issued by your office on May 2, 2016. Specifically, the board supports the resulting series of recommendations the Washington State Department of Health provided to assist local communities with lead testing and reducing lead exposure. The recommendations, if implemented, represent a commitment to identifying and eliminating health risks associated with childhood lead exposure and will protect children throughout Clark County and the state.

In particular, we enthusiastically support the recommendation to provide $3 million to implement the requirements of WAC 246-366A, also known as the “school rule.” Children represent the future of Washington, and ensuring a safe learning environment within schools is a critical duty of public health.

On behalf of the residents of Clark County, thank you for issuing Directive 16-06. Please support these initiatives by fully funding the recommendations in the 2017-2019 state budget.

Respectfully,

Marc Boldt, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, District 1

Julie Olson, District 2

David Madore, District 3

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