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TO: Parent/Guardian of a Kindergartner

FROM: Stuart Schmitz; State Toxicologist | Bureau of Environmental Health Services

RE: **Has your Kindergartner Received a Blood-Lead Test?**

In 2008, the State of Iowa passed the law Mandatory Blood Lead Testing which requires all children entering kindergarten to have at least one blood-lead test.

You are receiving this communication because, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health records, your child, who is in kindergarten, may not have been received a blood-lead test. If your child has received a blood-lead test please disregard this notice.

If your child has not been tested, please have him or her receive a blood-lead test as soon as possible. Medicaid, Hawk-i and many insurance plans will pay for a blood lead test. If you do not have a way to pay for this test and your child is 5 years-old or younger, please contact our department to assist you in identifying a local agency or a place for your child to receive the blood-lead test.

Lead poisoning in Iowa children occurs and is usually associated with learning problems. Receiving a blood-lead test is the only way to identify if your child is lead poisoned.

The contact person for the Mandatory Blood Lead Testing Program at the Iowa Department of Public Health is:

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Thank you.