Dr. Michelle Cappelluti, Interim Superintendent Estell Manor School District 128 Cape May Avenue Estell Manor, NJ 08319



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Dear Dr. Cappelluti,

As a dedicated educator, you are aware that lead is a considerable threat to an individual's intellectual and social development. Here at Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC), we are a proud partner with the State of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs in taking a proactive approach towards preventing lead poisoning in our children with the **Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program**. CARC, founded in 1986, also provides a wide range of social services, including job readiness, rental assistance, and support for survivors of domestic violence and more.

CARC is the agency designated by the State of New Jersey to arrange for lead inspections and remediation in Atlantic, Middlesex, and Monmouth counties.

The Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program is free and consists of an initial assessment by our outreach specialists to look for indications of lead, followed by a brief application for qualifying clients. Once the application is processed, certified lead inspectors will verify the presence of lead in the residence, so that certified lead contractors may remediate the property (both on the interior and exterior surfaces).

To qualify, a home must have been constructed prior to 1978. Both homeowners and renters are eligible to apply. CARC may provide this service to properties consisting of one (1) to four (4) units. There is income eligibility of 80% of the area median income. A family of four (4) in Middlesex County may be earning roughly \$80,000/year and still qualify.

We hope you will be willing and able to distribute the enclosed information regarding the Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program to the families throughout your district. Please feel free to reach out to us directly at 908-205-3930 for more information and/or any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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