

RESOLUTION  
LEAD-BASED PAINT

WHEREAS, lead (Pb) is a neurotoxin with irreversible side effects. Exposure to lead-based paint, including chips, grit and dust, is dangerous to public health. Ingesting lead causes neurological damage, behavioral and learning disabilities among children. There are no safe levels of exposure to lead and there is no way to reverse the damage caused by lead exposure.

WHEREAS, while there is a prohibition on lead-based indoor paint used in residential properties and public buildings, which was established in 1978 by the United States' Consumer Product Safety Commission (16 CFR 1303), there is no current prohibition on using lead based paint in commercial and industrial applications outdoors.

WHEREAS, while Title IV of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as well as other authorities in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, directs EPA to regulate lead-based paint hazards, EPA oversight is limited to residential and child-occupied facilities.

WHEREAS, routine maintenance of outdoor commercial and industrial structures, including water towers, utility poles, parking lots, bridges, fire hydrants, and playground equipment, that continue to be painted with lead-based paint provide a protracted exposure pathway for future generations.

WHEREAS, in addition to lead-paint sandblasting, lead paint chips, grit and dust from outdoor structures, roadways and curbs that experience normal weathering are a public health risk.

WHEREAS, many communities are not aware of the lead paint on outdoor structures in their neighborhoods.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to protect public health and the future potential of our students, CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION supports a state-wide ban on using lead-based paints, coatings and pigments in Delaware and hereby institutes a district-wide ban on all use of paints containing lead (Pb) in the Christina School District.

Be it resolved this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018

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President: Christina School Board