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Teresa Hatch, Facilities Director  
Pillar Care Elementary School (Formerly Horizon Elementary School) 8313  
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via email

**Re: 2024-2025 Exemption from Testing of Lead in School Drinking Water**

Dear Teresa Hatch,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) received your application for Exemption from the lead testing requirements for the statewide testing year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(j) Safe Drinking Water in Schools, entities may request an exemption from the lead testing requirements if they can demonstrate that they do not use any drinking water outlets for consumption or food preparation in any of their facilities.

**Based on the review of your application, the NJDOE grants the Pillar Care Elementary School (Formerly Horizon Elementary School) 8313 an exemption request from lead testing.** Pursuant to the regulations, this approval letter shall be made available for public inspection at the school facility and on the entity's website. The entity must reapply for an exemption or begin lead testing every statewide testing year, the next being in the 2027-2028 school year.

For more information regarding Testing and Reporting for Lead in School Drinking Water, visit NJDOE's [Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov/education/lead-testing) website. For questions or concerns, email the NJDOE at [leadtesting@doe.nj.gov](mailto:leadtesting@doe.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

Susan Kutner  
Director, Office of School Facilities Planning

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c: Joseph Zarra, Executive County Superintendent – Essex County  
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