The Rochester Board of Education is committed to making all facilities lead safe. The safety of students, staff, and visitors is of the highest priority. The Board of Education recognizes the threat posed to children by lead poisoning and recognizes its responsibility to have District facilities free of the dangers of lead poisoning. Therefore, the Board declares that all of its school buildings must be lead safe. The Board supports strict enforcement of all local, state and federal laws designed to prevent lead poisoning throughout facilities of the City School District. The Board supports development of a comprehensive community infrastructure that prevents children's exposure to lead through partnerships with government agencies, community-based organizations, and the private sector.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to:

(a)  Ensure that the District adheres to Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Part 155 regarding the use and maintenance of lead-bearing building products and educational or maintenance procedures and products that may create lead exposures.

(b)  In conjunction with community partners, provide communication to parents and staff regarding the risks from lead exposure, the effects and visible symptoms of lead exposure, and recommendations to prevent exposure to lead based on the best scientific evidence available.

(c) Provide annual reports to the Board regarding visual lead paint inspections, remediation, and resulting communication.

(d) Develop clearly defined avenues for District staff, parents, and concerned citizens to report school environments suspected of being lead hazards.

(e) Collaborate with community partners to seek supplemental funding and resources wherever possible in order to support the full implementation of this policy.

**Exhibit A: RCSD Lead Control Practices and Procedures**

<u>Ref</u>.:  **Commissioners Regulations Part 155.5(c), (l)**
     **HUD Guidelines**
     **EPA Regulations (40 CFR Part 745)**
     **OSHA Regulations (29 CFR 1926.62)**

<u>Cross Ref</u>.: **5405 Local Wellness Policy**