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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lafourche Schools Closed on Monday Due to Water Issues** *Boil Advisory Issued & Residents Asked to Conserve Water*

The Lafourche Parish School Board and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux have announced that all public and private schools in Lafourche Parish will be closed on Monday, January 11 due to concerns over low water pressure and the boil advisory that has been issued. All supervisors, principals, assistant principals and custodial staff should still report to work.

Lafourche Parish Water District #1 reported low water pressures throughout its water system due to the weather conditions. As a precaution, they have issued a boil advisory for the entire service area in the parish. Additionally, they have asked all residents to conserve water until further notice. The following are the instructions issued by the water district on how to properly boil water:

- Boil water for one full minute in a clean container. The one-minute boil time begins after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. (The flat taste can be eliminated by shaking the water in a bottle or pouring it from one container to another.)
- If the water is clear, mix 1/8 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine laundry bleach with one gallon of water and let it stand for at least 30 minutes prior to consumption. If the water is cloudy or colored, use 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water. Be sure to mix thoroughly. If the treated water has too strong a chlorine taste, it can be made more palatable by allowing the water to stand exposed to the air for a few hours or by pouring it from one clean container to another several times.
- If the water is clear, mix five drops of 2% United States Pharmacopeia (USP) tincture of iodine solution (common household tincture of iodine from the medicine cabinet or first aid package) to each quart of clear water and let it stand for at least 30 minutes prior to consumption. If the water is cloudy or colored, use 10 drops to each quart of water.

Lafourche Parish Government will report information on other closings if any occur.

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