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ALL CLF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS MARYLAND RECEIVE TOUCHLESS WATER TECHNOLOGY STATIONS AMID COVID-19 SCHOOL RETURN

LAUREL, MD (February 25, 2021) – Students returning to school safely has been a mission for everyone at the Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation along with the Anne Arundel County School and Prince George's County School Districts. Many factors contribute to the return of our students such as: common areas, PPE, and frequently touched surfaces such as water fountains.

In order to keep our schools green and students safe, CLF is currently in the process of installing plugs on individual fountains in compliance with County requirements and Elkay Touchless Water Stations in all CLF charter schools. We've linked a video to these water stations on our Twitter page @CLF_CLF. Our hands free hydration stations will provide clean water access daily, allowing students to refill their own water bottles with touchless technology.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Providing access to drinking water gives students a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages. It helps to increase students' overall water consumption, maintain hydration, and reduce energy intake if substituted for sugar-sweetened beverages...Adequate hydration also may improve cognitive function in children and adolescents...Drinking water, if fluoridated, also plays a role in preventing [dental caries \(cavities\)](#).

"Together with our school leaders, CLF is proud to deliver safe, healthy, earth friendly technology to Chesapeake Science Point of Anne Arundel CPS and Chesapeake Math & IT Academies across Prince George's CPS," says CLF Operations.

According to the company website, Elkay's goal is to make every classroom healthier and more hygienic. The Elkay Manufacturing Company began as a vision of Leopold Katz and his son Louis on the North side of Chicago. Founded in 1920 with the goals of manufacturing the highest quality sinks and providing the best service possible, the company began to thrive as time went by and they set the industry pace with innovative products and designs that continue to lead the industry.

More information on Elkay's 'Touchless' products can be found at www.elkay.com.

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