



## Coosa Elementary School

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### Home of the Lowcountry Leaders

Dear Parents,

We have had a few questions concerning the request for plastic, spill-proof water bottles on the supply list. Therefore, we decided to address our families in case anyone else had questions.

The reasoning for requesting reusable, spill-proof, plastic water bottles is simple. For the past few years, we have seen a rise in water bottles brought to school that are made of various types of metals. These bottles create a distraction to the learning environment when they fall to the floor or are constantly picked up and set back down on the desks throughout the day. We noticed that when students utilize plastic water bottles, the noise is lessened or obsolete. The request for “spill-proof bottles” is more straightforward as we try to eliminate spills throughout the school day -- little hands drop them often.

We ask that if you have a concern with your child drinking from a plastic water bottle that you consider the learning environment and assist us in minimizing this distraction by utilizing one of the three bottle types:

- a plastic water bottle that is specifically designed to be reused
- a bottle with a metal insert with a plastic coating on the outside or
- a metal bottle with a sleeve around it (sides and bottom) to help mute the sound it creates when it falls or is set back on the desks/tables throughout the day.

Our students have always been and will remain our top priority. We thank you for your support. As always, contacting your administration directly to speak about concerns is appreciated.

Thank you

Melissa Pender, Principal

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