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May 5, 2017

Dear West Philadelphia High School Families,

This letter is an update on the West Philadelphia High School basement pipe replacement project.

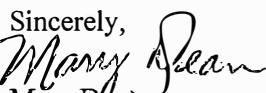
In November 2016, West Philadelphia High School reported discolored water in some sinks and toilets. As a result, immediate action was taken to identify the source and cause of the discoloration – drinking fountains were immediately shut off, bottled water was provided and lunches were prepared off site. Water testing was conducted throughout weeks of trying to determine the cause and effect.


It has been determined that the water was discolored (yellowish/brown) at times because galvanized basement pipes became rusty. The rust broke apart into small particles showing as discolored water. To correct this problem, the galvanized pipes in the basement were replaced with copper pipes.

There should be no further water discoloration in drinking fountains and sinks. We have flushed all outlets after the new pipe installation and the test results show that the water is safe to drink, in fact testing throughout has shown safe drinking water. All drinking water fountains have been replaced with new filtered hydration stations and filters were installed at an ice maker and kitchen food preparation sinks. A presentation with test results and FAQ are available on the District's website at [www.philasd.org/WPHSwater](http://www.philasd.org/WPHSwater).

Additional water testing was conducted on April 21, 2017 as a quality control measure. The test results showed that the water was safe for drinking. The District will test again in August 2017. Results will be shared on the District's website at [www.philasd.org/WPHSwater](http://www.philasd.org/WPHSwater).

The replacement of pipes and confirmation of test results brings the situation to resolution.

Sincerely,  
  
Mary Dean  
Principal

  
Fran Burns  
Chief Operating Officer

School Name:

West Philadelphia High School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
1020-01-KC-101A	Kitchen Sink - Elevator Entrance - 1st Sink East (Near Portable Warmers) - Cold - Outlet is Filtered	4/20/2017	0.70	BA
1020-03-CF-101	3rd Floor Staff Lounge - Sink by Refrigerator	4/20/2017	0.28	BA
1020-03-HS-103	3rd Floor Hall Outside Elevator	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-03-HS-104	3rd Floor Hallway - South at Chestnut Street	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-02-HS-105	2nd Floor Hall Outside of Elevator	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-02-HS-107	2nd Floor Hallway - South at Chestnut Street	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-01-HS-108	Cafeteria	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-01-KC-110	Kitchen Hand Wash Sink by Freezer - Motion Detector Activated	4/20/2017	0.37	BA
1020-01-HS-114	Outside Girls' Locker Rook 120B	4/20/2017	0.074	BA
1020-01-NS-115	Nurse's Office Exam Room 107B	4/20/2017	4.2	BA
1020-01-HS-118	Main Entrance - South at Chestnut Street	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-121	1st Floor Hallway - North at Market Street (outside Kitchen)	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-KC-122	Prep Table Sink - By Office - Cold	4/20/2017	1.9	BA
1020-01-KC-123	Island Prep Table Sink by Ovens & Range - Cold	4/20/2017	3.7	BA
1020-01-KC-135	Sprayer - Dish Washing Station - Cold	4/20/2017	3.8	BA
1020-01-KC-143	Cafeteria Food Service Area Station	4/25/2017	1.7	BA
1020-01-HS-154	Training Room 121B - Right Cooler	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-171	Across from Cafeteria near Bathrooms	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-182	Visitors' Locker Room	4/20/2017	0.070	BA
1020-01-HS-214	Main Office	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-218	Inside Dance Studio - Right Cooler	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-221	Outside Art Studio	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-NS-227	Nurse's Office Exam Room 107C	4/20/2017	5.1	BA
1020-01-NS-229	Nurse's Office Women's Rest Area Room	4/20/2017	0.31	BA
1020-01-NS-230	Nurse's Office Men's Rest Area Room	4/20/2017	0.36	BA
1020-01-EC-231	Life Skills Room 111 - Cold	4/20/2017	0.082	BA
1020-02-HS-235	2nd Floor Hallway - North at Market Street - Right Cooler	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-02-CF-249	Room 216	4/20/2017	0.23	BA
1020-02-CF-263	2nd Floor Staff Lounge Sink	4/20/2017	0.22	BA
1020-02-EC-312	Life Skills Room 208 - Cold	4/20/2017	0.29	BA
1020-03-HS-326	3rd Floor Hallway - North at Market Street	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-327	Outside of Auxiliary Gym & Room 119	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-328	Near Custodial Closet & Room 119B	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-329	Inside Girls' Locker Room	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
1020-01-HS-330	Inside Boys' Locker Room	4/20/2017	0.054	BA

DISTRICT ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 10 ppb\*

SPREADSHEET LEGEND

BA - Below District Action Level of 10 ppb

AA - Above District Action Level of 10 ppb

\*EPA ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 20 ppb