



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Tilden Middle School Family,

To guarantee that students have access to safe drinking water at school, from 2000 to 2010, The School District of Philadelphia (District) conducted a water testing program at schools throughout the District. Nearly 30,000 drinking water outlets were tested and all tested outlets that remain in service produced results that were below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action level for lead in water of 20 parts per billion (ppb) and were safe for drinking.

In response to recent public health concerns about lead in water nationally, the District began retesting drinking outlets in your child's school. Our mission remains to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff and because of this we have instituted a stronger water safety threshold of 10 ppb, which is below the national EPA measurement of 20 ppb.

At your school, 20 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Nine water outlets were found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and were immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove them. In addition, at your school and others, we have installed hydration stations which we hope that you are using. By the end of this year, all District schools will have hydration stations.

Federal studies indicate that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and children can be exposed to lead from a variety of sources, including paint, soil and even some consumer products. If you are concerned about your child's possible lead exposure risks, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) recommends contacting your pediatrician or neighborhood Health Center for testing.

Additionally, PDPH's lead hotline can address any health related questions you may have or help you in deciding whether to have your child tested; for questions or more information, please call (215) 685-2788. For additional information about lead and children you can visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at www.philasd.org/waterresults to learn more.

This re-testing is one part of the District's Drinking Water Program, also available on our website. A key focus is to provide students with healthy hydration – safe, accessible and appealing drinking water in every school.

Sincerely,

Francine Locke, MS
Environmental Director

School Name: Tilden Middle School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
1130-01-DW-019	Hallway - Around Corner From Room 111 & Girl's Room	3/31/2017	3.3	BA
1130-01-CF-022	Room 109 - Special Needs	3/31/2017	0.57	BA
1130-01-DW-024	Outside Room 107 - Left	3/31/2017	46.3	AA
1130-02-DW-028	Outside Room 211	3/31/2017	65.4	AA
1130-02-BF-035	Room 205 - Nurse's Office	3/31/2017	3.1	BA
1130-02-HS-036	Outside Room 207	3/31/2017	0.054	BA
1130-03-HS-045	Outside Room 307	3/31/2017	0.054	BA
1130-04-DW-051	Outside Room 415A - Left	3/31/2017	3.8	BA
1130-04-DW-052	Outside Room 415A - Center	3/31/2017	2.5	BA
1130-04-DW-053	Outside Room 415A - Right	3/31/2017	2.2	BA
1130-04-KC-055	Kitchen - Left	3/31/2017	1.6	BA
1130-04-KC-057	Kitchen	3/31/2017	2.6	BA
1130-04-KC-059	Kitchen	3/31/2017	0.72	BA
1130-04-KC-061	Kitchen - Right	3/31/2017	0.95	BA
1130-04-DW-063	Cafeteria - Left	12/29/2016	7.9	BA
1130-04-DW-064	Cafeteria - Center	12/29/2016	10.5	AA
1130-04-DW-065	Cafeteria - Right	12/29/2016	11.4	AA
1130-04-HS-077	Outside Room 406 - Left	3/31/2017	0.054	BA
1130-01-KC-087	Room 107A - Lounge	3/31/2017	3.5	BA
1130-02-DW-089	Across From Room 201	3/31/2017	898	AA
1130-03-DW-092	Around Corner From 319A Girls Room	12/29/2016	3.5	BA
1130-04-IM-094	Kitchen	3/31/2017	0.94	BA
1130-04-DW-098	Cafeteria	12/29/2016	11.5	AA
1130-04-DW-100	Outside Room 401 - Left	3/31/2017	1.1	BA
1130-04-DW-101	Outside Room 401 - Center	3/31/2017	1.3	BA
1130-04-DW-102	Outside Room 401 - Right	3/31/2017	0.79	BA
1130-02-DW-113	Outside Room 215	3/31/2017	307	AA
1130-01-DW-114	Outside Room 104	3/31/2017	18.5	AA
1130-01-DW-116	Near Room 101	3/31/2017	46.8	AA

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