



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130  
215-400-4750

December 16, 2016

Dear Catharine 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, 13 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. One water outlet was found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and was immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove it. In addition, we have begun installing hydration stations in schools across the District. So far we have installed these stations in over 90 schools and by the end of the year we will have hydration stations in every District school.

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](http://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](http://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: Catharine Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
1250-03-HS-006	Across from Room 303	12/7/2016	0.074	BA
1250-02-CF-012	Teacher's Lounge	12/7/2016	2.1	BA
1250-02-HS-015	Across from Room 207	12/7/2016	0.074	BA
1250-01-WC-018	Room 108	12/7/2016	0.24	BA
1250-01-WC-020	Room 107	12/7/2016	8.5	BA
1250-01-BF-026	Nurse's Office	12/7/2016	1.7	BA
1250-01-HS-028	Outside Counselor's Office	12/7/2016	0.054	BA
1250-01-DW-032	Across from Room 102	12/7/2016	0.54	BA
1250-01-WC-035	Room 103	12/7/2016	46.4	AA
1250-01-WC-038	Room 104	12/7/2016	0.28	BA
1250-00-CF-047	Cafeteria	12/7/2016	1.5	BA
1250-00-WC-048	Outside Boy's Room - left	12/7/2016	1.1	BA
1250-00-WC-049	Outside Boy's Room - right	12/7/2016	7.7	BA
1250-00-DW-059	Outside Girl's Room	12/7/2016	1.2	BA

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SPREADSHEET LEGEND

BA - Below District Action Level of 10 ppb

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April 17, 2017

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At your school, 9 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. One water outlet was found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and was immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove it. 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.

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Francine Locke, MS  
Environmental Director

School Name: Catherine Annex

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1251-01-WC-001	Outside Classroom 107	4/6/2017	0.51	BA
1251-01-CF-002	Classroom 102 - Headstart	4/6/2017	1.9	BA
1251-01-CF-003	Classroom 104 - Headstart	4/6/2017	1.6	BA
1251-02-WC-005	Outside Classroom 208	4/6/2017	0.098	BA
1251-02-KC-006	Room 211 - "Eat Right Now" Program	4/6/2017	1.7	BA
1251-02-KC-007	Room 212 - Teachers' Lounge	4/6/2017	2.4	BA
1251-03-WC-008	Outside Classroom 320	4/6/2017	1.9	BA
1251-03-WC-009	Outside Classroom 325	4/6/2017	1.4	BA
1251-04-WC-010	Outside Classroom 400	4/6/2017	0.37	BA
1251-04-CF-012	Faculty Meeting Room - Room 400	4/6/2017	35.1	AA

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