



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Comegys 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, 17 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Three 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, 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.

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: Benjamin Comegys Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
1260-03-DW-009	Outside Room 301	12/9/2016	2.5	BA
1260-03-HS-014	Outside Room 302	12/9/2016	0.074	BA
1260-02-DW-018	Outside Room 208	12/9/2016	1.1	BA
1260-02-DW-019	Outside Room 209	12/9/2016	1.5	BA
1260-01-HS-029	Between Auditorium and Stairway 2	12/9/2016	0.074	BA
1260-01-CF-035	Nurse's Office	12/9/2016	1.2	BA
1260-01-DW-038	Gymnasium - nearest kitchen	12/9/2016	118	AA
1260-01-DW-039	Gymnasium - opposite wall from kitchen	12/9/2016	1.1	BA
1260-02-HS-047	Outside Room 206	12/9/2016	0.054	BA
1260-02-DW-048	Outside Room 201	12/9/2016	1.5	BA
1260-01-DW-050	Across from Room 104	12/9/2016	0.96	BA
1260-01-DW-051	Across from Room 106	12/9/2016	1.0	BA
1260-00-DW-054	Outside Art Room - left	12/9/2016	2.1	BA
1260-00-DW-055	Outside Art Room - center	12/9/2016	2.2	BA
1260-00-DW-066	Kindergarten Room K-1	12/9/2016	2.5	BA
1260-00-DW-067	Kindergarten Room K-2	12/9/2016	3.3	BA
1260-00-DW-072	Across from Boy's Room - left outlet group - furthest right	12/9/2016	275	AA
1260-00-DW-073	Across from Boy's Room - right outlet group - furthest left	12/9/2016	6.3	BA
1260-00-DW-074	Across from Boy's Room - right outlet group - 2nd from left	12/9/2016	12.3	AA
1260-02-WC-087	Inside Teacher's Lounge	12/9/2016	0.19	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