



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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February 21, 2017

Dear Henry Lea Elementary 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. Two 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](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: Henry C. Lea Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
1340-00-DW-002	Hallway - Outside of Boy's Room - left	2/7/2017	1.1	BA
1340-00-WC-007	Cafeteria A	2/7/2017	0.43	BA
1340-00-KC-008	Cafeteria, Kitchen	2/7/2017	1.2	BA
1340-00-WC-011	Cafeteria B	2/7/2017	1.0	BA
1340-01-DW-026	Hallway, outside of Room 108 - used for Pre-K	2/7/2017	250	AA
1340-01-DW-028	Hallway, near Room 106	2/7/2017	9.1	BA
1340-01-CF-029	Health Suite	2/7/2017	1.7	BA
1340-02-WC-037	Hallway - across from Room 206	2/7/2017	0.14	BA
1340-03-WC-046	Across from Room 307	2/7/2017	11.8	AA
1340-01-HS-050	Across from Exit "H" and Auditorium Doorway	2/7/2017	0.074	BA
1340-01-DW-052	Room 102 - Kindergarten	2/7/2017	3.0	BA
1340-01-DW-056	Room 101 - Kindergarten	2/7/2017	1.3	BA
1340-02-HS-061	Element #1 center - Across from Teacher's Restroom	2/7/2017	0.080	BA
1340-01-DW-068	Element #1 south - in Hallway; proximate to Pre-K; Room L-4	2/7/2017	0.85	BA
1340-00-DW-079	Hallway - Outside of Girl's Room - left	2/7/2017	0.57	BA
1340-00-DW-080	Hallway - Outside of Girl's Room - center	2/7/2017	0.61	BA
1340-00-DW-081	Hallway - Outside of Girl's Room - right	2/7/2017	1.3	BA
1340-00-DW-094	In Hallway, Outside Room 06B - left	2/7/2017	1.1	BA
1340-00-DW-095	In Hallway, Outside Room 06B - right	2/7/2017	1.3	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