



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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Dear Furness High 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, 22 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Five 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: Furness High School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
2160-00-KC-006	Room 008 - Kitchen Quad Sink - Hallway Wall - Left	5/2/2017	3.9	BA
2160-00-KC-008	Room 008 - Kitchen Quad Sink - Hallway Wall	5/2/2017	20.6	AA
2160-00-KC-010	Room 008 - Kitchen Quad Sink - Hallway Wall	5/2/2017	2.6	BA
2160-00-KC-012	Room 008 - Kitchen Quad Sink - Hallway Wall - Right	5/2/2017	2.9	BA
2160-00-KC-014	Room 008 - Kitchen - Sink Left of Quad Sink	5/2/2017	2.2	BA
2160-00-HS-017	Outside Room 009 - Right	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-01-HS-034	Across From Room 108	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-01-WC-038	Outside Room 106	5/2/2017	2.4	BA
2160-02-WC-051	Outside Room 210	5/2/2017	2.0	BA
2160-03-WC-061	Outside Room 310	5/2/2017	1.4	BA
2160-00-DW-070	Outside Girls' Gym - Left	5/2/2017	1.5	BA
2160-00-DW-071	Outside Girls' Gym - Center	5/2/2017	1.7	BA
2160-00-DW-072	Outside Girls' Gym - Right	5/2/2017	2.2	BA
2160-02-CF-078	Room 216 - Nurse's Suite	5/2/2017	13.9	AA
2160-02-CF-079	Room 216E - Nurse's Suite	5/2/2017	9.4	BA
2160-02-CF-080	Room 216A - Nurse's Suite	5/2/2017	84.6	AA
2160-02-CF-081	Room 216C - Nurse's Suite	5/2/2017	76.4	AA
2160-00-DW-082	Outside Room 015 - Boys' Gym - Left	5/2/2017	1.3	BA
2160-00-DW-083	Outside Room 015 - Boys' Gym - Center	5/2/2017	1.4	BA
2160-00-DW-084	Outside Room 015 - Boys' Gym - Right	5/2/2017	1.4	BA
2160-00-KC-086	Basement Lounge A - Kitchen	5/2/2017	30.8	AA
2160-01-KC-089	Room 106 - Special Education Kitchen	5/2/2017	5.2	BA
2160-02-HS-090N	Outside Room 214	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-01-WC-130	Bottled Water -Principal's Office - Hot	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-01-WC-131	Bottled Water - Principal's Office - Cold	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-00-WC-133	Bottled Water -Bldg Engineer's Office - Hot	5/2/2017	0.054	BA
2160-00-WC-134	Bottled Water - Bldg Engineer's Office - Cold	5/2/2017	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