



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear E. W. Rhodes 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, 19 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, 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: E. W. Rhodes Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
4150-01-WC-002	Main Office	3/7/2017	4.1	BA
4150-01-HS-003	Outside "A" House Cafeteria	3/7/2017	0.054	BA
4150-01-DW-011	Gym - 29th Street Side - Right	3/7/2017	2.8	BA
4150-01-HS-013	Outside "D" House Cafeteria	3/7/2017	0.054	BA
4150-01-DW-014	"D" House Teacher's Lounge	3/7/2017	62.5	AA
4150-01-KC-016	Kitchen Area - left on left sink	3/7/2017	0.29	BA
4150-01-KC-018	Kitchen Area - center on left sink	3/7/2017	0.47	BA
4150-01-KC-020	Kitchen Area - right on left sink	3/7/2017	0.51	BA
4150-01-WC-026	Outside Room C1	3/7/2017	0.20	BA
4150-02-HS-033	Outside 101D	3/7/2017	0.054	BA
4150-02-WC-036N	Outside Auditorium and IMC - replaced prev DW	3/7/2017	0.69	BA
4150-02-DW-037	Outside Home Economics Room	3/7/2017	0.59	BA
4150-02-HS-039	Outside 101A	3/7/2017	0.054	BA
4150-02-WC-042	Outside 101B	3/7/2017	0.78	BA
4150-01-WC-045	Outside D1	3/7/2017	0.25	BA
4150-01-KC-047	Activity Room 2 - Sink near Stove	3/7/2017	22.2	AA
4150-01-CF-081	Nurse's Suite	3/7/2017	4.2	BA
4150-01-CF-082	Nurse's Office - Rear Exam Room	3/7/2017	1.4	BA
4150-01-KC-110	Activity Room 1	3/7/2017	9.0	BA
4150-01-DW-156	Girls Gym - Left	3/7/2017	0.84	BA
4150-02-EC-158	Room 125 - rear end of room	3/7/2017	30.9	AA
4150-01-IM-172	Main Kitchen	3/7/2017	0.46	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