



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130
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Dear Edward Heston 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, 18 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Six 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: Edward Heston Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
4300-01-KC-011	Room 110 - special education	1/25/2017	2.7	BA
4300-01-DW-016	Room 108 - special education	1/25/2017	163	AA
4300-01-CF-022	Nurse's office - left	1/25/2017	2.1	BA
4300-01-CF-023	Nurse's office - right	1/25/2017	3.0	BA
4300-01-WC-026	Rear of "Cafetorium"	1/25/2017	4.2	BA
4300-01-KC-030	Kitchen - closest to door	1/25/2017	2.3	BA
4300-01-KC-031	Kitchen - furthest from door	1/25/2017	4.1	BA
4300-01-WC-032	Room 127	1/25/2017	166	AA
4300-01-HS-037	Outside Room 109 - near Day Care	1/25/2017	0.054	BA
4300-02-HS-051	Outside Room 224	1/25/2017	0.054	BA
4300-02-DW-057	Room 200	1/25/2017	759	AA
4300-02-DW-061	Room 204	1/25/2017	26.3	AA
4300-02-DW-065	Room 208	1/25/2017	7.8	BA
4300-02-DW-067	Room 210	1/25/2017	12.0	AA
4300-02-DW-071	Room 214	1/25/2017	7.3	BA
4300-02-DW-075	Room 218	1/25/2017	7.8	BA
4300-02-DW-081	Room 224	1/25/2017	7.7	BA
4300-03-HS-091	Hallway - next to bathrooms	1/25/2017	0.054	BA
4300-03-DW-093	Room 300	1/25/2017	88.9	AA
4300-03-DW-107	Room 318	1/25/2017	1.8	BA
4300-03-DW-109	Room 322	1/25/2017	3.8	BA
4300-02-KC-118	IMC Inner Office - SM 201	1/25/2017	9.3	BA
4300-03-DW-123	Room 314	1/25/2017	5.4	BA
4300-01-DW-128	Room 110 - special education	1/25/2017	7.2	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