



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Duckery 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, 23 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, 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: Duckrey Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
4460-00-HS-002	In hallway, outside creative arts room; across from Room 029	12/16/2016	0.054	BA
4460-01-DW-010	Room 119	12/16/2016	0.80	BA
4460-01-DW-014	Room 111	12/16/2016	1.0	BA
4460-01-KC-016	Kitchen - on wall - left	12/16/2016	0.15	BA
4460-01-KC-018	Kitchen - on wall - right	12/16/2016	0.15	BA
4460-01-KC-020	Kitchen rinse sink	12/16/2016	0.089	BA
4460-01-KC-022	Kitchen island sink	12/16/2016	0.074	BA
4460-01-HS-024	Outside of Kitchen	12/16/2016	0.054	BA
4460-01-CF-028	Nurse's Office	12/16/2016	1.4	BA
4460-01-DW-035	Inside Gymnasium	12/16/2016	0.53	BA
4460-01-WC-045	In hallway, outside of Gymnasium	12/16/2016	0.1	BA
4460-01-DW-049	Room 120	12/16/2016	1.2	BA
4460-01-DW-053	Room 124	12/16/2016	1.3	BA
4460-01-DW-056	Room 126	12/16/2016	1.7	BA
4460-01-DW-058	Room 130	12/16/2016	1.6	BA
4460-01-DW-062	Room 128	12/16/2016	0.89	BA
4460-02-DW-066	Room 222	12/16/2016	19.6	AA
4460-02-DW-075	Room 212	12/16/2016	6.1	BA
4460-02-WC-081	Outside of IMC - across from Room 204	12/16/2016	5.2	BA
4460-02-HS-095	Outside Room 201	12/16/2016	0.054	BA
4460-02-DW-099	Room 207	12/16/2016	3.4	BA
4460-02-DW-100	Room 209	12/16/2016	2.5	BA
4460-02-DW-102	Room 211	12/16/2016	1.7	BA
4460-02-DW-107	Room 215	12/16/2016	17.2	AA
4460-02-DW-110	Room 223	12/16/2016	9.9	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