



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Elkin 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, 31 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Seven 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: Elkin Elementary School and Little School House

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
5260-01-HS-004	Outside of the Lunch Room	12/20/2016	0.054	BA
5260-01-DW-007	Room B02	12/20/2016	2.8	BA
5260-01-DW-008	Outside Room B01	12/20/2016	2.7	BA
5260-01-DW-013	Lunch Room	12/20/2016	0.24	BA
5260-01-KC-024	Kitchen - left	12/20/2016	2.5	BA
5260-01-KC-025	Kitchen - right	12/20/2016	1.4	BA
5260-01-WC-026	Teachers Lounge	12/20/2016	10.2	AA
5260-01-DW-030	Gymnasium	12/20/2016	0.76	BA
5260-02-DW-037	Security Office	12/20/2016	15.2	AA
5260-02-HS-045	Outside of Room 111	12/20/2016	0.054	BA
5260-02-DW-049	Room 114	12/20/2016	6.3	BA
5260-02-DW-054	Room 109	12/20/2016	5.0	BA
5260-02-DW-058	Room 110	12/20/2016	3.3	BA
5260-02-WC-059	Outside Room 107	12/20/2016	0.37	BA
5260-02-DW-064	Room 108	12/20/2016	5.4	BA
5260-02-CF-078	Nurse's Office	12/20/2016	1.8	BA
5260-03-HS-092	Outside Room 213	12/20/2016	0.054	BA
5260-03-DW-103	Outside Room 209	12/20/2016	1.1	BA
5260-03-DW-104	Room 209	12/20/2016	3.0	BA
5260-03-DW-108	Room 207	12/20/2016	5.2	BA
5260-03-DW-113	Room 205	12/20/2016	13.5	AA
5260-02-DW-126	Room 115	12/20/2016	56.2	AA
5260-02-DW-129	Room 105	12/20/2016	10.4	AA
5260-02-DW-130	Room 104	12/20/2016	4.7	BA
5260-02-DW-131	Room 103	12/20/2016	16.4	AA
5260-02-DW-132	Room 102	12/20/2016	5.7	BA
<i>Little School House/Portable @ Elkin Elementary School</i>		12/20/2016		
5260-01-HS-137N	Across from Multi-Purpose Room - left	12/20/2016	0.054	BA
5260-01-WC-138N	Across from Multi-Purpose Room - right	12/20/2016	0.070	BA
5260-01-DW-139N	Little School House - Classroom 1	12/20/2016	2.6	BA
5260-01-DW-140N	Little School House - Classroom 2	12/20/2016	0.45	BA
5260-01-DW-141N	Little School House - Classroom 3	12/20/2016	0.68	BA
5260-01-DW-142N	Little School House - Classroom 4	12/20/2016	8.8	BA
5260-01-DW-143N	Little School House - Classroom 5	12/20/2016	0.25	BA
5260-01-DW-144N	Little School House - Classroom 6	12/20/2016	0.38	BA
5260-01-DW-145N	Little School House - Classroom 7	12/20/2016	36.3	AA
5260-01-DW-146N	Little School House - Classroom 8	12/20/2016	0.41	BA
5260-01-KC-147N	Little School House - Kitchen - left	12/20/2016	1.2	BA
5260-01-KC-148N	Little School House - Kitchen - right	12/20/2016	1.2	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