



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Thurgood Marshall 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, 24 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. One water outlet was found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and was immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove it. 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: Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
5500-01-KC-001	Kitchen in Main Office	5/26/2017	0.074	BA
5500-01-DW-002	Gym	5/26/2017	0.11	BA
5500-01-HS-003	Outside Main Office - Left	5/26/2017	0.074	BA
5500-01-DW-004	Outside Main Office - Right	5/26/2017	1.5	BA
5500-01-DW-006	Between Classrooms 109 & 110 - Right	5/26/2017	0.077	BA
5500-01-KC-007	Classroom 109 (Special Ed) - Farthest Left	5/26/2017	1.1	BA
5500-01-KC-008	Classroom 109 (Special Ed) - Second from Left	5/26/2017	0.64	BA
5500-01-KC-009	Classroom 109 (Special Ed) - Third from Left	5/26/2017	1.0	BA
5500-01-KC-010	Classroom 109 (Special Ed) - Farthest Right	5/26/2017	0.16	BA
5500-01-CF-011	Nurse's Office - Exam Room	5/26/2017	0.35	BA
5500-02-DW-013	Outside Library - Right	5/26/2017	0.12	BA
5500-02-DW-014	Cafeteria - Left	5/26/2017	0.26	BA
5500-02-DW-015	Cafeteria - Right	5/26/2017	0.10	BA
5500-02-KC-016	Kitchen - Left Wall Sink near Gas Stove and Ovens	5/26/2017	1.2	BA
5500-02-KC-017	Kitchen Back Wall - 3 basin sink - left	5/26/2017	0.59	BA
5500-02-KC-018	Kitchen Back Wall - 3 basin sink - right	5/26/2017	1.9	BA
5500-02-KC-019	Kitchen Right Wall - Sink near Kitchen Office	5/26/2017	4.6	BA
5500-02-KC-020	Staff Lounge	5/26/2017	0.35	BA
5500-03-HS-021	Across from Classroom 305 - Left	5/26/2017	0.054	BA
5500-03-DW-022	Across from Classroom 305 - Right	5/26/2017	1.8	BA
5500-04-HS-023	Across from Classroom 405 - Left	5/26/2017	0.068	BA
5500-04-DW-024	Across from Classroom 405 - Right	5/26/2017	0.56	BA
5500-02-KC-025	Kitchen - Pot Filler for Large Cooking Kettle Station	5/26/2017	1.4	BA
5500-02-KC-026	Kitchen - Pot Filler for Two Small Cooking Kettles	5/26/2017	2,550	AA
5500-02-KC-027	Prep Sink in Cafeteria Serving Area	5/26/2017	2.3	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