



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Cooke-Wissahickon 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, 21 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: Cook Wissahickon School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
6410-00-WC-004	Outside boy's room; across from Boiler Room	12/13/16	1.1	BA
6410-00-KC-007	Kitchen Cold - Left	12/13/16	2.9	BA
6410-00-KC-008	Kitchen Cold - Right	12/13/16	1.5	BA
6410-00-CF-009	Staff Lounge Kitchenette	12/13/16	1.8	BA
6410-00-WC-010	Staff Lounge	12/13/16	89.1	AA
6410-00-HS-011	Outside Staff dining room	12/13/16	0.054	BA
6410-00-DW-030	In gymnasium - next to spittoon	12/13/16	0.26	BA
6410-00-HS-031	Outside Rom 3	12/13/16	0.054	BA
6410-00-DW-034	Room 3	12/13/16	3.9	BA
6410-00-DW-037	Room 2	12/13/16	3.2	BA
6410-00-DW-041	Room K-1	12/13/16	2.6	BA
6410-00-WC-043	Outside Room K-1	12/13/16	8.0	BA
6410-01-CF-044	Nurse's Office	12/13/16	3.6	BA
6410-01-WC-047	Across from Room 101	12/13/16	2.1	BA
6410-01-HS-049	Across from Room 103	12/13/16	0.054	BA
6410-01-WC-059	Outside Room 106	12/13/16	0.97	BA
6410-01-CF-060	Room 108 - Special Needs	12/13/16	39.8	AA
6410-01-HS-063	Outside Room 110	12/13/16	0.054	BA
6410-02-WC-075	Room 200A; Outside Women's Room	12/13/16	2.8	BA
6410-02-HS-079	Outside Room 204; Women's Room	12/13/16	0.33	BA
6410-02-WC-090	Outside Room 206	12/13/16	0.96	BA
6410-02-KC-095	Room 212 - Special Needs	12/13/16	2.3	BA
6410-02-HS-097	Outside Room 212	12/13/16	0.054	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