



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Lowell 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, 22 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: Lowell Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
7350-00-DW-032	Across from Girl's Room - Left	5/25/2017	0.55	BA
7350-00-DW-033	Across from Girl's Room - 2nd from left	5/25/2017	0.29	BA
7350-00-DW-034	Across from Girl's Room - 3rd from left	5/25/2017	0.33	BA
7350-00-DW-036	Across from Girl's Room - 4th from left	5/25/2017	0.36	BA
7350-00-DW-037	Across from Girl's Room - 5th from left	5/25/2017	0.51	BA
7350-00-DW-038	Across from Girl's Room - 6th from left	5/25/2017	0.25	BA
7350-00-DW-039	Across from Girl's Room - 7th from left	5/25/2017	0.34	BA
7350-00-DW-040	Across from Girl's Room - Right	5/25/2017	0.67	BA
7350-01-CF-043	Room 100 - Nurse's Office	5/25/2017	3.8	BA
7350-01-DW-047	Across from Room 103/Main Office	5/25/2017	1.3	BA
7350-01-HS-048	Outside Room 110	5/25/2017	0.054	BA
7350-02-HS-054	Outside Room 207	5/25/2017	0.054	BA
7350-02-DW-057	Across from Room 203	5/25/2017	2.3	BA
7350-03-DW-063	Across from Room 303	5/25/2017	0.96	BA
7350-03-HS-066	Across from Room 307	5/25/2017	0.054	BA
<i>Outlets Located Within the Additions to the School</i>				
7350-01-WC-080N	Hallway outside of IMC (Marchese Hall Area)	5/25/2017	3.9	BA
7350-01-KC-081N	Kitchen - 3 basin sink - left (Marchese Hall Area)	5/25/2017	28.6	AA
7350-01-KC-082N	Kitchen - 3 basin sink - right (Marchese Hall Area)	5/25/2017	9.7	BA
7350-01-WC-083N	Multi-purpose room - left - near kitchen (Marchese Hall Area)	5/25/2017	0.49	BA
7350-01-DW-085N	Across from Room S-12 - left (Sherman Annex)	5/25/2017	0.14	BA
7350-01-DW-086N	Across from Room S-12 - right (Sherman Annex)	5/25/2017	0.19	BA
7350-01-DW-087N	Across from Room S-22 - left (Sherman Annex)	5/25/2017	0.18	BA
7350-01-DW-088N	Across from Room S-22 - right (Sherman Annex)	5/25/2017	0.38	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