

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA Operations Division Office of Environmental Management & Services 440 North Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130 215-400-4750

December 13, 2016

Dear Bridesburg 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, 13 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 <u>www.cdc.gov/lead</u>.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at <u>www.philasd.org/waterresults</u> 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,

narcin Locke

Francine Locke, MS Environmental Director

School Name: Bridesburg Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
7470-01-HS-001	Cafeteria - Left	12/2/2016	0.074	BA
7470-01-HS-003	Outside Room 109 - Left	12/2/2016	0.074	BA
7470-01-WC-005	By Boys Room by Gym - Left	12/2/2016	17.5	AA
7470-01-WC-006	By Boys Room by Gym - Right	12/2/2016	11.1	AA
7470-01-DW-007	Gym - Left	12/2/2016	7.6	BA
7470-01-DW-008	Gym - Right	12/2/2016	6.9	BA
7470-01-WC-009	Kindergarten Room 102	12/2/2016	0.063	BA
7470-01-WC-010	Kindergarten Room 104	12/2/2016	0.067	BA
7470-01-WC-011	Kindergarten Room 106	12/2/2016	0.097	BA
7470-02-HS-012	Outside Room 205 by Staircase	12/2/2016	0.054	BA
7470-02-WC-013	Across from Room 208 - left	12/2/2016	0.15	BA
7470-01-KC-014	Kitchen	12/2/2016	0.60	BA
7470-01-CF-015	Nurse's Front Office	12/2/2016	0.32	BA
7470-01-CF-016	Nurse's Rear Office	12/2/2016	1.4	BA
7470-02-WC-017	Across from Room 208 - right	12/2/2016	0.20	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



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA Operations Division Office of Environmental Management & Services 440 North Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130 215-400-4750

April 5, 2017

Dear Bridesburg Elementary School Annex 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, eight 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 <u>www.cdc.gov/lead</u>.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at <u>www.philasd.org/waterresults</u> 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,

narcin Locke

Francine Locke, MS Environmental Director

School Name:

Bridesburg Elementary School - Annex

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
7471-00-WC-001	Cafeteria	3/21/2017	1.6	BA
7471-00-KC-003	Kitchen - Left	3/21/2017	1.2	BA
7471-00-KC-004	Kitchen - Right	3/21/2017	1.4	BA
7471-01-DW-005	Outside Boys' Bathroom - Left	3/21/2017	2.7	BA
7471-01-DW-006	Outside Boys' Bathroom - Center	3/21/2017	2.2	BA
7471-01-DW-007	Outside Boys' Bathroom - Right	3/21/2017	1.2	BA
7471-01-DW-008	Outside Girls' Bathroom - Left	3/21/2017	4.9	BA
7471-01-DW-009	Outside Girls' Bathroom - Center	3/21/2017	3.1	BA
7471-01-DW-010	Outside Girls' Bathroom - Right	3/21/2017	29.5	AA
7471-02-CF-011	Nurse's Office	3/21/2017	28.8	AA

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