



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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April 11, 2017

Dear Meehan Middle 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, 23 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Four 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, 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](http://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](http://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: Meehan Middle School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8140-00-WC-001	Room M01 - Music Room	3/31/2017	1.5	BA
8140-00-WC-002	Outside Elevator - Left	3/31/2017	5.6	BA
8140-00-WC-003	Outside Elevator - Right	3/31/2017	1.8	BA
8140-01-WC-006	Outside Stairs Between "3" House & "4" House - Right	3/31/2017	1.6	BA
8140-01-KC-008	Serving Area - Cafeteria "3" House Side	3/31/2017	4.2	BA
8140-01-HS-009	Cafeteria - Outside Bathrooms	3/31/2017	0.054	BA
8140-01-KC-011	Serving Area - Cafeteria "2" House Side	3/31/2017	11.7	AA
8140-01-WC-014	At Main Entrance - Left	3/31/2017	0.68	BA
8140-01-WC-015	At Main Entrance - Right	3/31/2017	4.1	BA
8140-01-HS-016	In Hallway on "1" House Side of Main Office	3/31/2017	0.054	BA
8140-01-DW-021	Girl's Locker Room	3/31/2017	9.0	BA
8140-01-DW-023	Boy's Gym	3/31/2017	1.5	BA
8140-01-DW-024	Boy's Locker Room	3/31/2017	642	AA
8140-01-WC-025	Outside Kitchen	3/31/2017	4.5	BA
8140-01-KC-028	Kitchen - Left Sink	3/31/2017	1.4	BA
8140-01-KC-030	Kitchen - Right Sink	3/31/2017	1.6	BA
8140-02-WC-031	Outside Room 421	3/31/2017	3.5	BA
8140-02-WC-032	Outside Room 428	3/31/2017	0.86	BA
8140-02-HS-033	Outside Room 321	3/31/2017	0.070	BA
8140-02-WC-034	Outside Room 328 - Left	3/31/2017	0.73	BA
8140-02-WC-035	Outside Room 328 - Right	3/31/2017	2.4	BA
8140-02-WC-037	Outside Room 228	3/31/2017	0.91	BA
8140-02-WC-040	Outside Room 121	3/31/2017	1.0	BA
8140-01-CF-080	Room A59 - Nurse's Office	3/31/2017	11.1	AA
8140-01-CF-081	Room A58 - Nurse's Exam Room	3/31/2017	3.6	BA
8140-01-CF-082	Room A57 - Nurse's Countertop	3/31/2017	2.8	BA
8140-01-CF-106	Room 212 - Special Education	3/31/2017	15.0	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