



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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Dear Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High 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, 17 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: Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8150-01-KC-006	Room 111 - Kitchen- Faculty Dining - Left	4/20/2017	5.3	BA
8150-01-KC-008	Room 111 - Kitchen- Faculty Dining	4/20/2017	3.7	BA
8150-01-KC-010	Room 111 - Kitchen- Faculty Dining	4/20/2017	3.0	BA
8150-01-KC-012	Room 111 - Kitchen- Faculty Dining	4/20/2017	12.1	AA
8150-01-KC-014	Room 111 - Kitchen- Faculty Dining - Right	4/20/2017	27.6	AA
8150-01-KC-018	Room 110 - Faculty Dining - Left	4/20/2017	13.3	AA
8150-01-KC-020	Room 110 - Faculty Dining - Right	4/20/2017	1.2	BA
8150-01-IM-021	Room 110 - Faculty Dining	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
8150-01-HS-044	Cafeteria - Left (Companion to DW-160)	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
8150-01-WC-046	Hallway Outside Dance Studio - Left (Companion to WC-198)	4/20/2017	0.42	BA
8150-01-DW-056	Outside Girls' Gym Office	4/20/2017	1.0	BA
8150-01-DW-057	Outside Boys' Gym Office	4/20/2017	0.88	BA
8150-01-HS-070	Outside Main Office	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
8150-01-CF-073	Room 118 - Nurse's Office - Front Office	4/20/2017	2.4	BA
8150-02-DW-095	Next to Mens' Bathroom	4/20/2017	0.068	BA
8150-02-HS-109	Outside S/M 247A	4/20/2017	0.054	BA
8150-01-DW-126	Outside Room 019 (Annex)	4/20/2017	0.83	BA
8150-01-DW-141	Outside Room 15 (Annex)	4/20/2017	4.7	BA
8150-01-KC-196N	Annex (Element 2) S/M Room 017 - Next to Electrical Room	4/20/2017	23.8	AA
8150-01-WC-198	Hallway Outside Dance Studio - Right (Companion to WC-046)	4/20/2017	0.48	BA
8150-02-CF-214	Room 209 - Special Education	4/20/2017	1.9	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