

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Baldi 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. Six 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 <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/lead">www.cdc.gov/lead</a>.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at <a href="https://www.philasd.org/waterresults">www.philasd.org/waterresults</a> 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

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School Name: Baldi Middle School

Outlet ID#	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8160-00-DW-003	Boy's Locker Room	3/28/2017	26.0	AA
8160-00-WC-016	Outside Bathrooms - Bottom of Stairwell C-6	3/28/2017	19.4	AA
8160-00-DW-026	Outside Bathrooms - Near Rooms G2 & Y4	3/28/2017	0.32	BA
8160-00-HS-044	Outside Bathrooms	3/28/2017	0.054	BA
8160-00-DW-050	Room B2	3/28/2017	9.8	BA
8160-01-KC-054	"A" Pantry - Left	3/28/2017	4.9	BA
8160-01-KC-056	"A" Pantry - Right	3/28/2017	6.4	BA
8160-01-WC-058	Blue Lunch Room	3/28/2017	0.55	BA
8160-01-DW-059	Green Lunch Room	3/28/2017	90.7	AA
8160-01-WC-064	Outside Bathrooms - Near Rooms G102 & Y104	3/28/2017	0.47	BA
8160-01-DW-071	Room Y103	3/28/2017	28.9	AA
8160-01-KC-073	"B" Pantry - Left	3/28/2017	3.5	BA
8160-01-KC-075	"B" Pantry - Right	3/28/2017	4.3	BA
8160-01-HS-077	Orange Lunch Room	3/28/2017	0.054	BA
8160-01-HS-084	Outside Bathrooms - Near Orange 104 & B102	3/28/2017	0.054	BA
8160-01-DW-086	Room B105	3/28/2017	6.0	BA
8160-01-WC-095	Outside Bathrooms - Near Stairwell C-6	3/28/2017	4.3	BA
8160-01-DW-102	Girl's Gym - Left (companion to 163N)	3/28/2017	0.96	BA
8160-01-DW-104	Boy's Gym	3/28/2017	1.1	BA
8160-01-WC-109	Outside Auditorium - Near Stairwell A-2	3/28/2017	1.7	BA
8160-01-WC-115	Outside Bathrooms - Near Stairwell A-3	3/28/2017	2.5	BA
8160-02-WC-125	Outside Bathrooms - Near Stairwell A-3	3/28/2017	1.1	BA
8160-02-KC-131	Kitchen In Community Room	3/28/2017	5.0	BA
8160-02-CF-133	Nurse's Suite	3/28/2017	4.8	BA
8160-02-EC-136	Room 214 - Special Needs	3/28/2017	28.6	AA
8160-02-EC-144	Room 213 - Special Needs - Left sink	3/28/2017	16.5	AA
8160-02-EC-146	Room 213 - Special Needs - Right sink	3/28/2017	5.6	BA
8160-02-EC-148	Room 211 - Special Needs	3/28/2017	3.7	BA
8160-01-DW-163N	Girl's Gym - Right (companion to 102)	3/28/2017	0.96	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

<sup>\*</sup>EPA ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 20 ppb