



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Ethan Allen 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, 21 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, 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 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: Ethan Allen Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8200-00-DW-009	Bubbler across from the girl's room - Left	11/29/2016	0.86	BA
8200-00-DW-010	Bubbler across from the girl's room	11/29/2016	0.25	BA
8200-00-DW-011	Bubbler across from the girl's room	11/29/2016	0.35	BA
8200-00-DW-012	Bubbler across from the girl's room	11/29/2016	0.17	BA
8200-00-DW-013	Bubbler across from the girl's room - Right	11/29/2016	0.31	BA
8200-00-KC-016	Kitchen	11/29/2016	0.48	BA
8200-00-DW-017	Gym - Left	11/29/2016	2.4	BA
8200-00-DW-018	Gym - Right	11/29/2016	2.2	BA
8200-00-DW-026	Bubblers outside room 04 - Left	11/29/2016	1.3	BA
8200-00-DW-027	Bubblers outside room 04	11/29/2016	1.4	BA
8200-00-DW-028	Bubblers outside room 04	11/29/2016	1.4	BA
8200-00-DW-029	Bubblers outside room 04	11/29/2016	2.5	BA
8200-00-DW-030	Bubblers outside room 04 - Right	11/29/2016	1.0	BA
8200-01-DW-034	Room 108	11/29/2016	12.1	AA
8200-01-DW-038	Outside Room 107	11/29/2016	0.93	BA
8200-01-DW-041	Outside Room 104	11/29/2016	0.51	BA
8200-01-DW-044	Room 101	11/29/2016	0.13	BA
8200-02-CF-047	Nurse's office	11/29/2016	2.0	BA
8200-02-DW-051	Outside Room 204	11/29/2016	0.48	BA
8200-02-DW-052	Outside Room 207	11/29/2016	0.61	BA
8200-03-DW-057	Outside Room 307	11/29/2016	0.51	BA
8200-03-DW-058	Outside Room304	11/29/2016	0.45	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