



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear J. H. Brown 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, 20 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: J. H. Brown Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8210-01-KC-012	Cafeteria - kitchen left	12/6/2016	2.3	BA
8210-01-KC-013	Cafeteria - kitchen center	12/6/2016	1.9	BA
8210-01-KC-014	Cafeteria - kitchen right	12/6/2016	7.2	BA
8210-01-DW-024	Room 108 - kindergarten	12/6/2016	3.3	BA
8210-01-DW-027	Room 107 - kindergarten	12/6/2016	2.6	BA
8210-01-DW-031	Room 106 - kindergarten	12/6/2016	3.8	BA
8210-01-DW-035	Outside Room 111	12/6/2016	0.89	BA
8210-01-DW-038	Across from Room 102	12/6/2016	4.4	BA
8210-02-DW-043	Across from Room 203 - left (right has been removed)	12/6/2016	1.2	BA
8210-02-DW-049	Across from Rm 206 & 207 - left (right removed)	12/6/2016	0.88	BA
8210-03-DW-057	Outside Room 307	12/6/2016	9.5	BA
8210-03-DW-062	Outside Room 306 - across from Room 303	12/6/2016	1.5	BA
8210-01-CF-064N	Room 110 - Nurse's Office	12/6/2016	5.5	BA
8210-02-WC-065N	Teacher's Lounge - next to sink; next to Room 201	12/6/2016	11.2	AA
8210-00-DW-066	Outside boy's room - left	12/6/2016	0.16	BA
8210-00-DW-067	Outside boy's room - center	12/6/2016	0.13	BA
8210-00-DW-068	Outside boy's room - right	12/6/2016	0.22	BA
8210-00-DW-069	Outside girl's room - left	12/6/2016	0.16	BA
8210-00-DW-070	Outside girl's room - center	12/6/2016	0.22	BA
8210-00-DW-071	Outside girl's room - right	12/6/2016	0.21	BA
8210-03-DW-072	Outside Room 308	12/6/2016	0.91	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