



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear John Hancock Elementary 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, 18 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. 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.

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: John Hancock Demonstration Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8180-00-WC-007	Within cafeteria	1/13/2017	0.76	BA
8180-00-KC-010	Cafeteria Sink - left	1/13/2017	8.3	BA
8180-00-KC-012	Cafeteria Sink - right	1/13/2017	5.2	BA
8180-00-KC-015	Cafeteria Prep Sink	1/13/2017	31.5	AA
8180-00-WC-022	Between Rooms A5 and A6	1/13/2017	0.11	BA
8180-00-WC-030	Between Rooms T4 and T5	1/13/2017	0.49	BA
8180-00-WC-037	Across from Room 108	1/13/2017	0.32	BA
8180-01-DW-038	Inside gymnasium	1/13/2017	0.72	BA
8180-01-DW-047	Room 219 - kindergarten	1/13/2017	2.1	BA
8180-01-WC-048	Outside of Room 218	1/13/2017	8.3	BA
8180-01-DW-051	Room 217 - kindergarten	1/13/2017	2.9	BA
8180-01-CF-053	Room 218- Nurse's Suite	1/13/2017	2.9	BA
8180-01-CF-055	Room 213 - Special Education	1/13/2017	2.4	BA
8180-01-CF-056	Room 212 - Special Education	1/13/2017	5.3	BA
8180-01-WC-067	Outside of Room B11	1/13/2017	5.5	BA
8180-01-WC-077	Room B3 - Teacher's Lounge	1/13/2017	3.6	BA
8180-01-CF-080	Room 200 - Kindergarten	1/13/2017	3.7	BA
8180-01-WC-084	Across From IMC	1/13/2017	2.8	BA
8180-01-DW-090N	Gymnasium - cup filler - companion to 038	1/13/2017	1.2	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