



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Comly 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, 22 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Three 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, 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: Comly Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8370-00-DW-003	In Cafeteria - Left (right has been removed)	12/9/2016	2.3	BA
8370-00-KC-006	Kitchen - left	12/9/2016	1.6	BA
8370-00-KC-008	Kitchen - right	12/9/2016	1.4	BA
8370-01-DW-014	Across from Room 102 - Left	12/9/2016	3.9	BA
8370-01-DW-015	Across from 102 - Right	12/9/2016	3.9	BA
8370-01-DW-017	Outside of Room 104 - Left	12/9/2016	8.8	BA
8370-01-DW-018	Outside of Room 104 - Right	12/9/2016	5.8	BA
8370-01-DW-025	Adjacent to Best Lock Entrance	12/9/2016	23	AA
8370-01-DW-028	Adjacent to Room 105 -Left	12/9/2016	3.5	BA
8370-01-DW-029	Adjacent to Room 105 - Right	12/9/2016	2.8	BA
8370-01-DW-036	Outside Room 108 - Left	12/9/2016	7.2	BA
8370-01-DW-039	Outside Room 108 - Right	12/9/2016	3.4	BA
8370-02-DW-044	Adjacent to Room 206	12/9/2016	2.8	BA
8370-02-DW-053	Outside Room 210 - Left	12/9/2016	5.2	BA
8370-02-DW-054	Outside Room 210 - Right	12/9/2016	3.5	BA
8370-02-DW-057	Room 211 - special needs classroom	12/9/2016	19.7	AA
8370-02-DW-058	Room 212	12/9/2016	6.2	BA
8370-02-DW-061	Room 213	12/9/2016	7.7	BA
8370-02-DW-063	Room 216	12/9/2016	733	AA
8370-02-DW-065	Room 215	12/9/2016	11.1	AA
8370-02-HS-071	Across from Room 214	12/9/2016	0.074	BA
8370-01-CF-077	Nurse's Office	12/9/2016	4.1	BA
8370-01-HS-079	Front Lobby	12/9/2016	0.074	BA
8370-01-WC-087	Gym	12/9/2016	1.7	BA
8370-02-HS-090	Across from Room 202	12/9/2016	0.074	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