



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

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8380-01-KC-003	Room 113 - Special Education	12/21/2016	0.99	BA
8380-01-KC-009	Kitchen - Backwall - Left	12/21/2016	4.6	BA
8380-01-KC-011	Kitchen - Backwall - Right	12/21/2016	1.9	BA
8380-01-DW-013	In Gymnasium	12/21/2016	0.25	BA
8380-01-DW-016	Outside of the Main Office - left	12/21/2016	1.0	BA
8380-01-DW-017	Outside of the Main Office - right	12/21/2016	0.92	BA
8380-01-BF-021	Nurse's Bathroom	12/21/2016	0.92	BA
8380-01-DW-029	Outside Girl's Room; Across from Room 105	12/21/2016	1.1	BA
8380-01-DW-038	Room 100 - Kindergarten	12/21/2016	1.4	BA
8380-01-DW-041	Room 101 - Kindergarten	12/21/2016	2.1	BA
8380-01-WC-044	Room A2	12/21/2016	92.4	AA
8380-01-WC-046	Inside of IMC	12/21/2016	0.17	BA
8380-01-WC-049	Room A4 - Learning Support	12/21/2016	17.0	AA
8380-01-WC-051	Room A6	12/21/2016	2.4	BA
8380-01-WC-053	Room A3	12/21/2016	1.4	BA
8380-02-DW-057	Across from Room 205	12/21/2016	2.5	BA
8380-02-DW-063	Outside Room 209 - left side (see outlet 076)	12/21/2016	0.94	BA
8380-03-DW-066	Outside Room 309 - left (see outlet 077)	12/21/2016	0.62	BA
8380-03-DW-072	Outside Room 305	12/21/2016	0.83	BA
8380-02-DW-076	Outside Room 209 - right side (see outlet 063)	12/21/2016	0.86	BA
8380-03-DW-077	Outside Room 309 - right (see outlet 066)	12/21/2016	0.56	BA
8380-01-CF-078	Room 110 - Teacher's Lounge	12/21/2016	1.1	BA
8380-01-DW-086	Inside of Lunchroom	12/21/2016	2.1	BA
8380-01-KC-090N	Room 112 - Special Education	12/21/2016	1.5	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