



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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Dear Loesche 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, 31 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, at your school and others, we have installed hydration stations which we hope that you are using. 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](http://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](http://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: William Loesche Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
8440-01-DW-007	Across from Room 100	2/8/2017	2.1	BA
8440-01-CF-012	Room 101 - Special Education	2/8/2017	1.8	BA
8440-01-KC-018	Room 104 - Special Education	2/8/2017	2.9	BA
8440-01-DW-022	Gymnasium	2/8/2017	0.69	BA
8440-01-WC-031	Main Office	2/8/2017	3.0	BA
8440-01-CF-034	Room 123 - Nurse's Office	2/8/2017	2.0	BA
8440-01-DW-040	Outside Room 109A - left	2/8/2017	3.3	BA
8440-01-DW-041	Outside Room 109A - right	2/8/2017	2.5	BA
8440-01-DW-056	Lunchroom, side near kitchen area, left	2/8/2017	0.86	BA
8440-01-DW-057	Lunchroom, side near kitchen area, right	2/8/2017	2.0	BA
8440-01-DW-058	Lunchroom, side near Room 111, left	2/8/2017	2.9	BA
8440-01-DW-059	Lunchroom, side near Room 111, right	2/8/2017	1.8	BA
8440-01-DW-063	Across from Room 110	2/8/2017	2.7	BA
8440-02-DW-074	Outside Room 203	2/8/2017	0.85	BA
8440-02-DW-087	Across from Room 212 - left	2/8/2017	1.7	BA
8440-02-DW-092	Room 214 - classroom	2/8/2017	10.6	AA
8440-02-DW-117	Across from Room 224	2/8/2017	1.1	BA
8440-01-WC-118	Room B8	2/8/2017	0.069	BA
8440-01-CF-127	Room B5 - Kindergarten	2/8/2017	1.4	BA
8440-01-WC-130	Room B4 - Classroom	2/8/2017	0.071	BA
8440-01-WC-134	Room B3 - Classroom	2/8/2017	0.54	BA
8440-01-CF-145	Room A1 - Pre-kindergarten	2/8/2017	9.3	BA
8440-01-KC-148	Room A2 - Pre-kindergarten	2/8/2017	6.3	BA
8440-01-WC-150	Outside Room A1	2/8/2017	2.7	BA
8440-01-DW-156	Gymnasium - cup filler companion to outlet 022	2/8/2017	0.41	BA
8440-01-WC-161	room 104 - teacher's lounge	2/8/2017	5.2	BA
8440-02-DW-162	Room 215 - classroom	2/8/2017	4.1	BA
8440-01-KC-164	Cafeteria Kitchen - Main Island Sink	2/8/2017	4.4	BA
8440-01-KC-167	Cafeteria Kitchen - Island Preparation Sink	2/8/2017	5.1	BA
8440-01-KC-169	Cafeteria Kitchen - left	2/8/2017	5.0	BA
8440-01-KC-171	Cafeteria Kitchen - left	2/8/2017	4.3	BA
8440-01-KC-172	Room 103 - Special Education	2/8/2017	1.1	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