



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Nebinger 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 ppb¹.

At your school, 23 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.

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

¹ This letter and the accompanying table have been revised to reflect the more stringent 10 ppb criteria for lead that has been adopted by the School District of Philadelphia. The previous letter was based upon a 15 ppb criteria for lead.

School Name: **Nebinger Elementary School**

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
2590-04-WC-001	Outside Room 402	10/21/2016	0.67	BA
2590-04-HS-007	Outside Library Room 407	10/21/2016	0.074	BA
2590-01-HS-028	Outside Room 106	10/21/2016	0.074	BA
2590-01-DW-029	Room 106	10/21/2016	2.4	BA
2590-01-DW-038	Room 103	10/21/2016	39.9	AA
2590-01-DW-042	Outside Room 102	10/21/2016	1.4	BA
2590-02-DW-045	Outside Room 202	10/21/2016	1.1	BA
2590-02-DW-055	Outside Room 207	10/21/2016	1.4	BA
2590-03-DW-058	Outside Room 302	10/21/2016	0.96	BA
2590-03-HS-064	Outside Room 307	10/21/2016	0.074	BA
2590-01-DW-078	Room 104	10/21/2016	2.4	BA
2590-01-DW-079	Room 105	10/21/2016	3.2	BA
2590-00-DW-085	Outside Boy's Room - Left	10/21/2016	0.78	BA
2590-00-DW-086	Outside Boy's Room - 2nd from left	10/21/2016	2.0	BA
2590-00-DW-087	Outside Boy's Room - 3rd from left	10/21/2016	1.7	BA
2590-00-DW-088	Outside Boy's Room - 4th from left	10/21/2016	1.4	BA
2590-00-DW-089	Outside Boy's Room - 5th from left	10/21/2016	0.61	BA
2590-00-DW-090	Outside Boy's Room - Right	10/21/2016	0.57	BA
2590-00-DW-091	Outside Girl's Room - Left	10/21/2016	2.7	BA
2590-00-DW-092	Outside Girl's Room - 2nd from left	10/21/2016	2.2	BA
2590-00-DW-093	Outside Girl's Room - 3rd from left	10/21/2016	2.5	BA
2590-00-DW-094	Outside Girl's Room 4th from left	10/21/2016	5.7	BA
2590-00-DW-095	Outside Girl's Room -5th from left	10/21/2016	2.2	BA
2590-00-DW-096	Outside Girl's Room - Right	10/21/2016	1.8	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