



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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August 1, 2017

Dear Ethel Allen 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<sup>1</sup>.

At your school, 25 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Four 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, 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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: Ethel Allen Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
4440-01-HS-007	Cafeteria	10/14/2016	0.054	BA
4440-01-HS-025	Room 101B	10/14/2016	0.054	BA
4440-01-WC-042	Room 104 - Resource Room	10/14/2016	0.88	BA
4440-01-WC-052	Room 107	10/14/2016	1.8	BA
4440-01-WC-056	Room 109	10/14/2016	1.2	BA
4440-01-DW-062	Gymnasium - outside of Boy's room - left	10/14/2016	0.76	BA
4440-01-DW-072	Room 113	10/14/2016	6.9	BA
4440-01-WC-073	Outside Room 114	10/14/2016	8.7	BA
4440-01-DW-075	Room 114	10/14/2016	7.0	BA
4440-01-WC-076	Outside of Elevator	10/14/2016	2.0	BA
4440-02-DW-085	Room 201A	10/14/2016	2.9	BA
4440-02-DW-103	Room 207A	10/14/2016	2.9	BA
4440-02-DW-117	Room 211, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	5.1	BA
4440-01-DW-135N	Outside Room 109 - left	10/14/2016	0.60	BA
4440-01-DW-136N	Outside Room 109 - right	10/14/2016	0.42	BA
4440-01-DW-137N	Room 110	10/14/2016	0.85	BA
4440-01-DW-138N	Room 111	10/14/2016	4.2	BA
4440-01-DW-139	Room 115, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	16.5	AA
4440-01-DW-140	Room 103, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	8.4	BA
4440-02-DW-141	Room 205, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	4.9	BA
4440-02-DW-142	Room 212, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	10.6	AA
4440-02-DW-143	Room 213, on the sink in the classroom	10/14/2016	4.4	BA
4440-02-DW-144	Across from Room 209 - left	10/14/2016	0.61	BA
4440-02-DW-145	Across from Room 209 - right	10/14/2016	0.65	BA
4440-01-WC-146	Room 116	10/14/2016	19.4	AA
4440-01-WC-147	Room 108	10/14/2016	15.2	AA
4440-02-DW-148	Room 210 - on the sink	10/14/2016	8.6	BA
4440-01-WC-149	Gymnasium - outside of Boy's room - right water cooler	10/14/2016	1.1	BA
4440-02-HS-150	Outside Room 202 - hydration station	10/14/2016	0.054	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