



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Steel 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, all of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. In addition, we have begun installing hydration stations in schools across the District 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

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: Steel Elementary School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
6390-01-DW-001	in Gymnasium	8/5/2016	0.31	BA
6390-01-WC-002	Room 113	8/5/2016	0.58	BA
6390-01-WC-005	Room 107	8/5/2016	0.61	BA
6390-01-WC-007	Across from Room 105	8/5/2016	0.17	BA
6390-01-WC-008	Cafeteria - opposite kitchen	8/5/2016	0.098	BA
6390-01-WC-009	Cafeteria - kitchen side (near wall outside of teacher's dining room)	8/5/2016	0.19	BA
6390-01-WC-010	Across from Main Office	8/5/2016	0.97	BA
6390-01-DW-012	Teachers Dining Room	8/5/2016	0.097	BA
6390-02-WC-020	Outside Room 214	8/5/2016	0.93	BA
6390-02-WC-033	Outside Room 211	8/5/2016	0.20	BA
6390-03-WC-034	Outside Room 311	8/5/2016	0.39	BA
6390-03-WC-047	Outside Room 314	8/5/2016	0.43	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