



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130  
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**April 29, 2019**

Dear **Sayre Middle School** Community,

As a part of the School District of Philadelphia’s effort to provide students and staff with safe, accessible and appealing drinking water, **45** water outlets at your school were initially tested for lead on **December 19<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. Of those outlets, **39** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Six (6)** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off.

Below outlines the confirmed corrective action steps that were taken for those five water outlets that tested above the action limit.

Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	MDL (ppb)	PQL (ppb)	Confirmed Corrective Action Description
12/21/2018	2	15	FT	In health clinic main room	36.8*	0.3	1.0	Made hand wash sink only. <b>Will apply signage.</b>
12/21/2018	2	16	WF	Outside health suite left	24.3*	0.3	1.0	Permanently removed fountain.
12/21/2018	2	17	WF	Outside health suite right	130.8*	0.3	1.0	Permanently removed fountain.
1/3/2019	1	23	WF	In lunchroom left	15.3	0.3	1.0	Replaced bubble head and retested.
2/14/2019	1	23	WF	In lunchroom left	25.0 (3.5 <sup>1</sup> )	0.3	1.0	Permanently removed fountain.
1/3/2019	1	30	WF	In girl’s gym	48.8	0.3	1.0	Permanently removed fountain
1/3/2019	1	40	FT	In RM 115	75.3	0.3	1.0	Replaced faucet and retested.
2/14/2019	1	40	FT	In RM 115	2.7	0.3	1.0	Made hand wash sink only. <b>Will apply signage.</b>

**Notes:**

AA = Above Action limit of 10 ppb  
BA = Below Action limit of 10 ppb  
MDL = Method Detection Limit  
PQL = Practical Quantitation Limit  
J = Result estimated below the PQL  
< = not detected above PQL  
ppb = parts per billion

**Outlet Types:**

WF=Water Fountain/Bubbler  
HS=Hydration Station/Bottle Filling Station  
FT=Faucet/Tap  
FP - Food Prep/Pot-Filler/Kitchen Kettle  
IM - Ice-Maker



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<sup>1</sup>Indicates a follow-up flush sample result. Standard protocol when retesting AA outlets is to collect a follow-up flush sample.

\*Denotes an outlet location that has not been in use (the outlet was temporarily turned on for testing).

The School District will test the drinking water at your school every five years and share the results through a letter and also post the results on the District's website. If you wish to review the results from your school and for more information, you may visit the District's website at:

[www.philasd.org/waterresults](http://www.philasd.org/waterresults).

Sincerely,

Francine Locke, MS  
Environmental Director