



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Office of Environmental Management and Services
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Dear **Harding 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, **25** water outlets at your school were initially tested for lead on **April 24, 2019 and May 14, 2019**. Of those outlets, **21** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Four (4)** 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
04/24/2019	1	9	WF	3 Gang Outside girl’s side lunchroom left	19.1	0.3	1.0	Replaced with Hydration Station ¹
05/14/2019	1	23	WF	Outside RM 108	28.9	0.3	1.0	Permanently removed bubble head
05/14/2019	1	24	FT	In RM 108	10.3*	0.3	1.0	Made handwash sink.
05/14/2019	1	25	FT	In library office	389.2	0.3	1.0	Made handwash sink.

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

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

¹Hydration Station has passed subsequent testing and is turned on for use. Hydration Stations offer filtered water and bottle filling stations that remove, on average, 99.3 percent of lead from drinking water. These filtered water bottle filling stations are more effective, efficient, and affordable than the alternatives to lead remediation.

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.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Director