



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services

440 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130

215-400-4750

September 1, 2021

Dear **Fox Chase Elementary School** Community,

As part of the School District of Philadelphia's effort to provide students and staff with accessible, and appealing drinking water, your school's water was tested for lead on **August 17, 2021**, consistent with the portion of the Philadelphia Code that specifies that all potable outlets must be tested every five (5) years. Prior to the sampling event, Principals and Building Engineers are notified that testing will be performed, and given information about the District's program. A trained technician collected samples from water outlets that were sent to an accredited Pennsylvania laboratory for analysis.

The District tested **thirty-four (34)** outlets at your school. Of those outlets, **ten (10)** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 parts per billion (ppb). Unfortunately, **two (2)** of those are drinking fountains that are closed due to COVID-19 safety protocols. All **six (6)** of the filtered bottle filling hydration stations (HS) tested below the level of 10 ppb. The number of HSs available at your school exceeds the legal standard of having at least one (1) potable drinking source per floor and a total of one (1) per one hundred (100) students at each school. **Students and staff should be accessing drinking water via the school's bottle filling hydration stations.**

Twenty-four (24) water outlets had levels above 10 ppb. In conformity with the District's Water Testing Plan, the outlets were labeled with signs indicating "Hand Washing Only." Human skin does not absorb lead in water. The District also placed signs on two (2) kitchen sinks that read "Sanitize Only", and are not used potable water. For more information about lead in drinking water you can visit the EPA's website here: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#skin>.

In the event that an outlet was inaccessible for testing during this initial sampling event, the outlet will remain off until the outlet can be sampled. These results will be included in future correspondence and are accessible, once final, on the District's website at the following link: www.philasd.org/waterresults. The District's Water Testing Plan is also available at that link.

If you are concerned about lead 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. For any other concerns please contact environmental@philasd.org.

Sincerely,

Stephen Link

Environmental Director



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Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	PQL	Action Limits
08/17/2021	00	01	HS	Outside gym	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	00	02	HS	In cafe	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	00	03	FT	In kitchen left	10	1	AA
08/17/2021	00	04	FT	In kitchen right	12	1	AA
08/17/2021	00	05	HS	Outside RM A2	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	00	06	WF	Outside RM A4	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	01	07	FT	In esol RM BR special needs	100	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	08	FT	In teachers lounge	40	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	09	FT	In teachers lounge BR	29	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	10	FT	In RM 103 K	610	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	11	FT	In RM 103 left BR K	21	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	12	FT	In RM 103 right BR K	23	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	13	FT	In RM 102 K	46	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	14	HS	In RM 102 K	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	01	15	FT	In RM 102 BR left K	36	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	16	FT	In RM 102 BR right K	34	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	17	FT	In RM 101 k	20	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	18	FT	In RM 104 k	46	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	19	FT	In RM 104 right BR k - left	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	01	20	FT	In RM 104 right BR k - right	66	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	21	HS	Outside principals office	<1	1	BA
08/17/2021	01	22	FT	In RM 112 1st grade	230	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	23	FT	In RM 112 right BR 1st grade	40	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	24	FT	In RM 112 left BR 1st grade	17	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	25	FT	In nurses office	17	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	26	FT	In nurses office BR	42	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	27	FT	In RM 107 nurses exam RM	93	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	28	FT	In RM 109 1st grade	17	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	29	FT	In RM 111 1st grade	31	1	AA
08/17/2021	01	30	FT	In RM 110 1st grade	64	1	AA
08/17/2021	02	31	HS	Outside RM 208	<1	1	BA



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08/17/2021	xx	32	WF	In special needs building	1	1	BA
08/17/2021	xx	33	FT	In special needs building	4.8	1	BA
08/17/2021	xx	34	FT	In special needs building BR	89	1	AA

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

xx = Annex

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