



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services

440 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130

215-400-4750

**November 15, 2021**

Dear Decatur Elementary School Community,

As part of the School District of Philadelphia's effort to provide students and staff with safe, accessible, and appealing drinking water, your school's water was tested for lead on **October 28, 2021**. A trained technician collected samples from water outlets and the samples were sent to an accredited Pennsylvania laboratory for analysis. The action level used by the District is 10 parts per billion (ppb) of lead. If water exceeded this action level, the drinking water outlet was shut-off immediately and an action plan developed.

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).

There were **26** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **24** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Two (2)** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off. 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 the final letters.

An action plan is being developed to determine the best way to address the outlet(s) that was shut-off (if applicable to your school), including replacing the outlet with a new hydration station or, if the outlet is not needed because another outlet is available nearby, the outlet may be permanently removed from the school. Once a decision is made, the Maintenance Department will perform the new installation or remove the existing outlet.

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,

**Steve Link**

Environmental Director



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Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	PQL	Action Limits
10/28/2021	00	01	other	Sprayer in kitchen window wall	1.2	1	BA
10/28/2021	00	02	HS	Outside kitchen	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	00	03	WF	In gym	4.5	1	BA
10/28/2021	00	04	HS	In IMC	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	05	FT	RM 108 autistic support	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	06	FT	In RM 108 BR autistic support	2.3	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	07	FT	In RM 107 autistic support	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	08	FT	In RM 107 BR autistic support	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	09	FT	In nurse's office BR	1.6	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	10	HS	Outside nurse's office.	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	11	FT	In RM k-1 BR kindergarten	2.2	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	12	FT	In RM k-1 kindergarten	9	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	13	FT	In RM k-2 BR kindergarten	2.2	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	14	FT	In RM k-2 kindergarten	2.5	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	21	FT	In RM 107 autistic support outside BR	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	22	HS	Outside RM 102	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	01	27	FT	In teacher's lounge	1.2	1	BA
10/28/2021	02	15	HS	Outside RM 220	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	02	16	WF	Outside RM 214	24	1	AA
10/28/2021	02	17	HS	Outside RM 200	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	03	18	HS	Outside RM 300	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	03	19	WF	Outside RM 314	5.2	1	BA
10/28/2021	03	20	HS	Outside RM 320	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	xx	24	FT	In ESOL RM opposite counseling RM (in white annex)	14	1	AA
10/28/2021	xx	25	HS	In Band RM (in white annex)	<1	1	BA
10/28/2021	xx	26	HS	In red annex outside A-5	<1	1	BA



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### 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