



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130  
215-400-4750

**November 16, 2021**

Dear **Pollock 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 27, 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 **31** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **28** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Three (3)** 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
10/27/2021	00	14	WF	Outside room 17 near stairway 4	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	15	HS	Outside staff lounge near stairway 3	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	16	FT	In RM 6 AS (autistic support)	3.5	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	17	HS	Outside RM 1 near stairway 1	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	18	HS	In cafe next to boiler room L	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	19	WF	In cafe next to boiler room R	2.3	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	21	WF	In cafe next to window R	4	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	31	FT	In kitchen window wall left	1.4	1	BA
10/27/2021	00	32	FT	In kitchen window wall right	1.6	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	01	FT	RM 100 BR ES (emotional support)	13	1	AA
10/27/2021	01	02	FT	RM 100 ES (emotional support)	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	03	HS	In RM 100 ES (emotional support)	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	04	FT	In RM 101 BR K	4.8	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	05	FT	In RM 101 K	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	06	HS	In RM 101 K	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	07	HS	Outside RM 105	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	08	FT	In nurse's office	2.6	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	09	FT	In nurse's office BR	13	1	AA
10/27/2021	01	10	HS	Outside main office	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	11	WF	In gym	6.9	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	12	HS	Outside RM 112	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	01	13	WF	Outside RM 119 near stairway 4	1.3	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	22	FT	Modular right side BR kindergarten	1.1	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	23	HS	Modular right side kindergarten	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	24	FT	Modular right side kindergarten	1.3	1	BA



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10/27/2021	xx	25	FT	In modular center autistic support	56	1	AA
10/27/2021	xx	26	FT	In modular center BR autistic support	1.5	1	BA
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10/27/2021	xx	27	HS	In modular center autistic support	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	28	FT	Modular left BR kindergarten	1.2	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	29	HS	In modular left kindergarten	<1	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	30	FT	In modular left kindergarten	3.1	1	BA
10/27/2021	xx	30	FT	In modular left kindergarten	3.1	1	BA

### 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