



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

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

August 10, 2021

Dear **Elwood Elementary** 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 **July 01, 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.

There were **23** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **15** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Eight (8)** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off.

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.

Sincerely,

Steve Link
Environmental Director



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Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	MDL	PQL	Action Limits
07/01/2021	1	1	FT	In nurse's office	25	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	2	FT	In nurse's BR	6.5	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	3	FT	In nurse's back office	11	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	4	HS	Outside office	<1	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	5	HS	Outside RM 101	<1	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	6	FT	In RM 100 kindergarten	15	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	7	FT	In RM 100 kindergarten BR left	95	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	8	FT	In RM 100 kindergarten BR right	68	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	9	FT	In RM 102 pre-k	3.4	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	10	FT	In RM 104 special ed	5.5	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	11	FT	In RM 105 kindergarten	4	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	12	FT	In RM 105 kindergarten BR	5.6	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	13	FT	In RM 107 1st grade	4.7	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	14	FT	In RM 108 1st grade	2.2	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	17	HS	Outside RM 109	<1	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	1	18	FT	In RM 109 1st grade	20	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	19	FT	In RM 110 special needs	17	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	1	20	HS	In gym/cafe	<1	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	2	21	WF	Outside IMC	19	NA	1	AA
07/01/2021	2	22	FT	In RM 206 special needs	2	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	2	23	WF	Outside RM 206	7.5	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	2	24	FT	In teachers lounge	6.7	NA	1	BA
07/01/2021	2	26	HS	Outside RM 204	<1	NA	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
 NA = Not Available

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