



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

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

September 10, 2021

Dear **Hancock Demonstration 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 **August 19, 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 **26** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **20** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Six (6)** 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.

Sincerely,

Steve Link
Environmental Director



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Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	PQL	Action Limits
08/19/2021	01	01	HS	In cafe	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	02	FT	In kitchen left	5.8	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	03	FT	In kitchen right	8.3	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	04	HS	Outside kitchen entrance	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	05	FT	In RM 103 special needs	31	1	AA
08/19/2021	01	06	WF	Outside cafe door btw BR	2.3	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	07	HS	Outside RM 108	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	01	08	FT	In RM 111 special needs	14	1	AA
08/19/2021	02	09	FT	In RM 209 special needs	4.4	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	10	WF	In RM 210 1st grade	55	1	AA
08/19/2021	02	11	FT	In RM 210 BR 1st grade	5	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	12	FT	In RM 211 1st grade	4.5	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	13	FT	In RM 212 special needs	3.5	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	14	FT	In RM 213 special needs	33	1	AA
08/19/2021	02	15	FT	In nurses office	3.8	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	16	FT	In nurses office BR	12	1	AA
08/19/2021	02	17	HS	In RM 217 k	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	18	FT	In RM 217 k	3.1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	19	FT	In RM 217 BR k	21	1	AA
08/19/2021	02	20	WF	Outside RM 217	9.1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	21	HS	In RM 219 k	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	22	FT	In RM 219 k	3.5	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	23	FT	In RM 219 BR k	2.4	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	24	HS	Outside IMC RM	<1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	25	FT	In RM 200 k	6.1	1	BA
08/19/2021	02	28	WF	In gym	2.3	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

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