



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services
440 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130
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Dear **Dunbar 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 **March 23, 2022**. A trained technician collected samples from drinking 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 **12** drinking water outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **Eight (8)** drinking water outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Four (4)** drinking 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 drinking water 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
03/23/2022	00	01	WF	007- row of three, near stairs, right	69	1	AA
03/23/2022	00	02	WF	007- row of three, near stairs, middle	500	1	AA
03/23/2022	00	03	WF	007- row of three near stars left	510	1	AA
03/23/2022	01	04	HS	003- near gym	<1	1	BA
03/23/2022	01	05	HS	H14 outside room 103	<1	1	BA
03/23/2022	01	06	WF	107-in classroom	5.1	1	BA
03/23/2022	01	07	WF	H14 outside room 107	<1	1	BA
03/23/2022	02	08	WF	207- in classroom	69	1	AA
03/23/2022	02	09	WF	H27 outside room 207	<1	1	BA
03/23/2022	03	11	HS	H311 outside room 309	<1	1	BA
03/23/2022	03	12	FT	305 inside classroom	5.1	1	BA
03/23/2022	04	14	WF	401 in hall	2.8	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

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