



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130  
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**August 31, 2021**

Dear **Howe Elementary School** Community,

As a part of the School District of Philadelphia’s effort to provide students and staff with safe, accessible and appealing drinking water, **14** water outlets at your school were initially tested for lead on **May 18, 2021**. Of those outlets, **10** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Four (4)** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off.

Below outlines the confirmed corrective action steps that were taken for those **Four (4)** water outlets that tested above the action limit.

Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	MDL (ppb)	PQL (ppb)	Confirmed Corrective Action Description
05/18/2021	3	5	WF	Outside RM 20	15.1	NA	1	Removed from Service
05/18/2021	2	8	WF	Outside RM 11	19.52	NA	1	Removed from Service
05/18/2021	1	17	WF	Across from RM 2	41.79	NA	1	Replaced with Hydration Station <sup>1</sup>
8/13/2021	1	17	HS	Across from RM 2	<1	NA	1	Remediation Complete
05/18/2021	0	26	WF	Outside boys RM left	13.15	NA	1	Removed from Service

**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

<sup>1</sup>Hydration Station has passed subsequent testing and is turned on for use. Hydration Stations offer filtered water and bottle filling stations that remove, on average, 99.3 percent of lead from drinking water. These filtered water bottle filling stations are more effective, efficient, and affordable than the alternatives to lead remediation.



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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Link". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "L".

**Steve Link**  
Environmental Director