



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

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

May 17, 2022

Dear **Benjamin Rush Arts Academy** Community,

Your school's water was tested for lead on **April 28, 2022**. 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 **15** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **15** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **No** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold.

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
04/28/2022	01	10	FT	K01d-food prep sink near kitchen right	1.8	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	11	FT	K01e-food prep sink in kitchen left	2.4	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	18	IM	C01d-in food serving area	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	33	HS	120-in cafeteria left	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	34	HS	112-music RM near S001	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	36	HS	124-in gym near girl's locker RM	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	41	HS	124-in gym near boy's locker RM	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	45	HS	H181-outside main office	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	53	HS	140-vocal RM near S006	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	01	54	HS	H178-outside dance studio	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	02	59	HS	H281-next to all gender BR near S005 and RM 251	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	02	61	HS	H279-near S005 and RM 249	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	02	67	HS	H275-near S002	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	xx	90	HS	H126-next to RM 019	<1	1	BA
04/28/2022	xx	91	HS	H125-outside RM 015	<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

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