

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

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## Dear Meredith 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 **October 13, 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 **20** water outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **20** 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,

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Steve Link Environmental Director



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Sample		Outlet	Outlet		Lead Result	DOT	Action
Date	Floor	Number	Туре	Outlet Description	(ppb)	PQL	Limits
10/13/2021	00	01	HS	In RM B5 music	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	00	02	HS	Across from cafe left	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	00	03	HS	Across from cafe right	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	00	04	HS	Across from boys BR left	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	00	05	HS	Outside boys BR right	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	06	FT	In RM 108 BR kindergarten	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	07	FT	In RM 107 BR kindergarten	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	08	FT	In nurses office	2.2	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	09	FT	In nurses office BR	1.2	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	10	FT	In counselors office BR	2.5	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	11	FT	In RM 106 BR	1.1	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	12	HS	In RM 105 1st grade	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	13	FT	In RM 105 1st grade	1.5	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	14	FT	In RM 105 BR left 1st grade	6.4	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	15	FT	In RM 105 BR right 1st grade	7.6	1	BA
10/13/2021	01	18	HS	Outside RM 104	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	02	16	HS	Outside library	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	03	17	HS	Outside RM 304	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	xx	19	HS	In modular	<1	1	BA
10/13/2021	XX	20	HS	In modular right	<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

xx = annex

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