



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

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

November 18, 2022

Dear **Sharswood 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 **November 15, 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.

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 **Seven (7)** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **Seven (7)** 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
11/15/2022	00	06	HS	Exit to boys bathroom and BE office	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	00	07	HS	Outside cafeteria	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	01	04	HS	By 105	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	01	05	HS	Next to principals office	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	02	02	HS	Next to girls bathroom by 219	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	02	03	HS	In nurses office	<1	1	BA
11/15/2022	03	01	HS	Next to boys bathroom	<1	1	BA

Notes:

AA = Above Action limit of 10 ppb

BA = Below Action limit of 10 ppb

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