

#### **Operations Division**

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

### February 08, 2023

### Dear South Philadelphia High 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 **January 31, 2023**. 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 **31** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **31** 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	PQL	Action Limits
01/31/2023	00	01	IM	In kitchen	(ppb) <1	1	BA
01/31/2023	00	02	FP	In kitchen	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	00	03	HS	Corner of cafeteria	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	00	04	HS	In hall outside of cafeteria	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	05	HS	Between stairway 5 and girls bathroom	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	06	HS	Between 105A and 105	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	07	HS	Right side of main entrance	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	08	HS	Between 110 and 111	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	09	HS	Across from room 109	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	10	HS	Gym - left side	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	11	HS	Gym - right side	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	01	12	HS	In nurses office	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	02	13	HS	Between 201 and 202	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	02	14	HS	Across from room 208	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	02	15	HS	Between 214B and 217A	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	02	16	HS	Next to stairway 5 and boys bathroom	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	03	17	HS	Outside room 315 (culinary room)	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	03	18	FP	In 315 culinary kitchen	1.5	1	BA
01/31/2023	03	19	FP	Room 315 culinary kitchen	1.2	1	BA
01/31/2023	03	20	HS	Across from room 309	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	03	21	HS	Across from room 305	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	04	22	HS	Across from room 409	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	04	23	HS	Outside room 415	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	04	24	HS	Across from room 421	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	04	25	HS	Across from room 427	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	26	HS	Across from room 529	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	27	HS	Outside room 515	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	28	HS	Across from room 523	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	29	HS	Across from room 529	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	30	HS	Across from room 501	<1	1	BA
01/31/2023	05	31	FP	Sink in room 510 (special needs)	<1	1	BA

Notes:

AA = Above Action limit of 10 ppb

BA = Below Action limit of 10 ppb

Outlet Types:

WF = Water Fountain/Bubbler

HS = Hydration Station/Bottle Filling Station



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MDL = Method Detection Limit
PQL = Practical Quantitation Limit
J = Result estimated below the PQL
<= not detected above PQL
ppb = parts per billion

FT = Faucet/Tap FP = Food Prep/Pot-Filler/Kitchen Kettle

IM = Ice-Maker