



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

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

December 19, 2022

Dear **Southwark 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 **December 13, 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 **Nine (9)** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **Nine (9)** 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
12/13/2022	00	08	HS	Right of boys bathroom	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	00	09	HS	Next to room B17	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	01	05	HS	Next to room 114	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	01	06	HS	Outside main office	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	01	07	HS	Outside room 103	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	02	03	HS	Outside room 203	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	02	04	HS	Between 213 & 214	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	03	01	HS	Between 308 & 309	<1	1	BA
12/13/2022	03	02	HS	Outside room 314	<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