



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
Operations Division  
Office of Environmental Management & Services  
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Dear Building 21/U School Family,

To guarantee that students have access to safe drinking water at school, from 2000 to 2010, The School District of Philadelphia (District) conducted a water testing program at schools throughout the District. Nearly 30,000 drinking water outlets were tested and all tested outlets that remain in service produced results that were below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action level for lead in water of 20 parts per billion (ppb) and were safe for drinking.

In response to recent public health concerns about lead in water nationally, the District began retesting drinking outlets in your child's school. Our mission remains to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff and because of this we have instituted a stronger water safety threshold of 10 ppb, which is below the national EPA measurement of 20 ppb.

At your school, 20 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Six water outlets were found to have results above our stronger water safety threshold and were immediately shut off. We are currently developing an action plan to repair or permanently remove them. In addition, we have begun installing hydration stations in schools across the District, and by the end of the year we will have hydration stations in every District school.

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](http://www.cdc.gov/lead).

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at [www.philasd.org/waterresults](http://www.philasd.org/waterresults) to learn more.

This re-testing is one part of the District's Drinking Water Program, also available on our website. A key focus is to provide students with healthy hydration – safe, accessible and appealing drinking water in every school.

Sincerely,

Francine Locke, MS  
Environmental Director

School Name: Building 21/The U School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
5290-01-WC-034	Across from Room 102	12/6/2016	6.0	BA
5290-01-BF-035	Nurse's Office - bathroom	12/6/2016	1.9	BA
5290-01-WC-039	Room 103	12/6/2016	1.5	BA
5290-01-WC-043	Across from Room 107	12/6/2016	1.1	BA
5290-02-WC-044	Across from Room 206	12/6/2016	2.1	BA
5290-03-WC-056	Across from Room 306	12/6/2016	10.5	AA
5290-00-DW-057N	Outside Building Engineer's office - left	12/6/2016	5.1	BA
5290-00-DW-058N	Outside Girl's Room - far right side	12/6/2016	130	AA
5290-00-DW-059N	Element 2 - across from Girl's Room	12/6/2016	1.6	BA
5290-01-WC-061N	Element 2 - outside Boy's Room - right side	12/6/2016	1.8	BA
5290-02-WC-063N	Across from Room 202	12/6/2016	1.8	BA
5290-03-WC-064N	Across from Room 302	12/6/2016	4.7	BA
5290-03-HS-065N	Element 2 - outside utility closet	12/6/2016	0.074	BA
5290-00-DW-069N	Outside kitchen - right side	12/6/2016	2.6	BA
5290-00-DW-070N	Outside Building Engineer's office - 2nd from the left	12/6/2016	4.1	BA
5290-00-DW-071N	Outside Building Engineer's office - 3rd from the left	12/6/2016	41.7	AA
5290-00-DW-072N	Outside Building Engineer's office - right	12/6/2016	96.3	AA
5290-00-DW-073N	Outside Girl's Room - left	12/6/2016	286	AA
5290-00-DW-074N	Outside Girl's Room - middle	12/6/2016	70.8	AA
5290-01-HS-076N	Element 2 - outside Boy's Room - left side	12/6/2016	0.15	BA
5290-02-WC-078N	Main office	12/6/2016	7.8	BA
5290-02-KC-081N	Main Office - kitchenette	12/6/2016	8.2	BA
5290-02-HS-082N	Element 2 - outside Boy's Room - right side	12/6/2016	0.074	BA
5290-03-WC-083N	Element 2 - outside Boy's Room - right side	12/6/2016	9.4	BA
5290-00-KC-131N	Kitchen - left	12/6/2016	1.3	BA
5290-00-KC-132N	Kitchen - right	12/6/2016	1.1	BA

SPREADSHEET LEGEND

BA - Below District Action Level of 10 ppb

AA - Above District Action Level of 10 ppb

\*EPA ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 20 ppb