



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Operations Division
Office of Environmental Management & Services
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Dear Benjamin Franklin High 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 ppb¹.

At your school, 18 of the water outlets passed this stronger water safety threshold and the water is safe to drink. Twelve 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, at your school and others, we have installed hydration stations which we hope that you are using. By the end of this year, all District schools will have hydration stations.

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.

If you wish to view the detailed results from your school you may visit the District's website at 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

¹ This letter and the accompanying table have been revised to reflect the more stringent 10 ppb criteria for lead that has been adopted by the School District of Philadelphia. The previous letter was based upon a 15 ppb criteria for lead.

School Name: Benjamin Franklin High School

Outlet ID #	Outlet Location	Sample Collection Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
2010-00-DW-006	Center of Lobby Area - Left - Used by Day Care	8/18/2016	7.4	BA
2010-00-DW-007	Center of Lobby Area - Right - Used by Day Care	8/18/2016	6.9	BA
2010-01-DW-015	Outside Room 100	8/18/2016	5.4	BA
2010-01-DW-021	Gymnasium - East End	8/18/2016	2.4	BA
2010-01-DW-031	Outside Room 115 - Left	8/18/2016	12.5	AA
2010-01-HS-032	Outside Room 115 - Right	9/1/2016	0.054	BA
2010-02-DW-041	Outside Room 211 - Left	8/18/2016	13.1	AA
2010-02-DW-042	Outside Room 211 - Right	8/18/2016	10.9	AA
2010-02-DW-045	Outside Room 203	8/18/2016	5.8	BA
2010-03-DW-050	Outside Room 305	8/18/2016	12	AA
2010-03-DW-051	Outside Room 317	9/1/2016	0.18	BA
2010-03-HS-053	Outside Room 321	9/23/2016	0.074	BA
2010-04-DW-054	Outside Room 414	8/18/2016	13.2	AA
2010-04-DW-056	Outside Room 406	8/18/2016	7.6	BA
2010-04-DW-057	Across from Room 403	8/18/2016	6.9	BA
2010-05-DW-060	Outside Room 505	8/18/2016	7.4	BA
2010-05-DW-061	Across From Room 503	9/1/2016	43.0	AA
2010-06-DW-062	Cafeteria - Kitchen end of room	9/1/2016	276	AA
2010-06-WC-074	Cafeteria - Elevator end of room - facing kitchen	9/1/2016	74.1	AA
2010-06-DW-077	Teachers Lounge - Left	8/18/2016	32.8	AA
2010-00-DW-296N	Across from Room 7C - left	8/18/2016	7.9	BA
2010-00-DW-297N	Across from Room 7C - right	8/18/2016	5.4	BA
2010-00-DW-298N	Across from Room 13	9/1/2016	18.2	AA
2010-00-DW-299N	Outside of Room 17 - left	9/1/2016	19.9	AA
2010-00-DW-300N	Outside of Room 17 - right	8/18/2016	8.7	BA
2010-03-DW-301N	Across from Room 303	8/18/2016	12.9	AA
2010-05-HS-302N	Across From Room 508	9/1/2016	0.057	BA
2010-06-HS-303N	In the cafeteria - on the far wall past the kitchen	9/1/2016	0.11	BA
2010-01-DW-304N	On the west side of the gym	8/18/2016	5.8	BA
2010-01-HS-305N	Basement - outside of Room 5D	9/1/2016	0.054	BA

DISTRICT ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 10 ppb*

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