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Dear School Community,

The School District of Philadelphia is testing drinking water for lead at your school in the upcoming weeks. The exact date will be confirmed and communicated to the principal before testing.

A third-party consultant will collect the water samples, and a certified laboratory will provide the results. The District will notify the school community of all test results for the school within 10 days of receipt. A letter will be posted on the District's website at www.philasd.org/waterresults.

The city's standard for action for lead in water is 10 parts per billion, even more rigorous than the federal standard of 15 parts per billion. If a school drinking water outlet tests above 10 parts per billion for lead, the outlet will be turned off as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours of receiving the test results. The outlet will be assessed, and a decision will be made to either remove it from service permanently, have the outlet replaced with a new unit, or remediate the existing outlet and re-test.

While we continue to test drinking water outlets that are intended for consumption, the District is also increasing its use of hydration stations and inline filters. Hydration stations, modern water faucets that provide filtered drinking water, have been installed in all student-occupied buildings in the district. We are working toward having one hydration station per every 100 students in all schools.

If you have any questions about lead and children's health, please visit the City of Philadelphia's website at <https://www.phila.gov/health/childhoodlead/ParentsCaregivers.html> or call 215-685-2788.

Sincerely,

Victoria Flemming
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[1] A-703.1 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code