

November 17, 2020

Dear **KIPP West Philadelphia Elementary Academy** Community,

As part of the KIPP Philadelphia Schools effort to provide students and staff with safe, accessible, and appealing drinking water, your school's water was tested for lead on **September 24, 2020**. A trained technician collected samples from water outlets and the samples were sent to an accredited Pennsylvania laboratory for analysis. Water samples were collected from **6** outlets at your school. All the collected water samples were below the action level of 10 ppb. If the concentration of lead is ever above the action level, the drinking water outlet will be immediately be shut off and an action plan will be developed that will then be communicated with you.

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.

The drinking water at your school will be tested every five years. If you wish to review the results from your school and for more information, see the attached table.

Sincerely,

Tracy MacArthur
Managing Director of Regional Operations

Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	PQL
09/24/2020	1	WF	Outside Bathrooms	ND	1.0
09/24/2020	1	HS	Outside Bathrooms	ND	1.0
09/24/2020	1	FT	In Teacher's lounge	ND	1.0
09/24/2020	2	WC	Conf RM 200	ND	1.0
09/24/2020	2	WC	In RM 229	ND	1.0
09/24/2020	2	FT	In RM 207	ND	1.0

Abbreviations:

ND = not detected above PQL

PQL = Practical Quantitation Limit

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

Note:

All in-classroom faucets/taps will have "Not For Drinking" signs hung.