

Protect kids' health:

Get the lead out of Philadelphia schools' drinking water



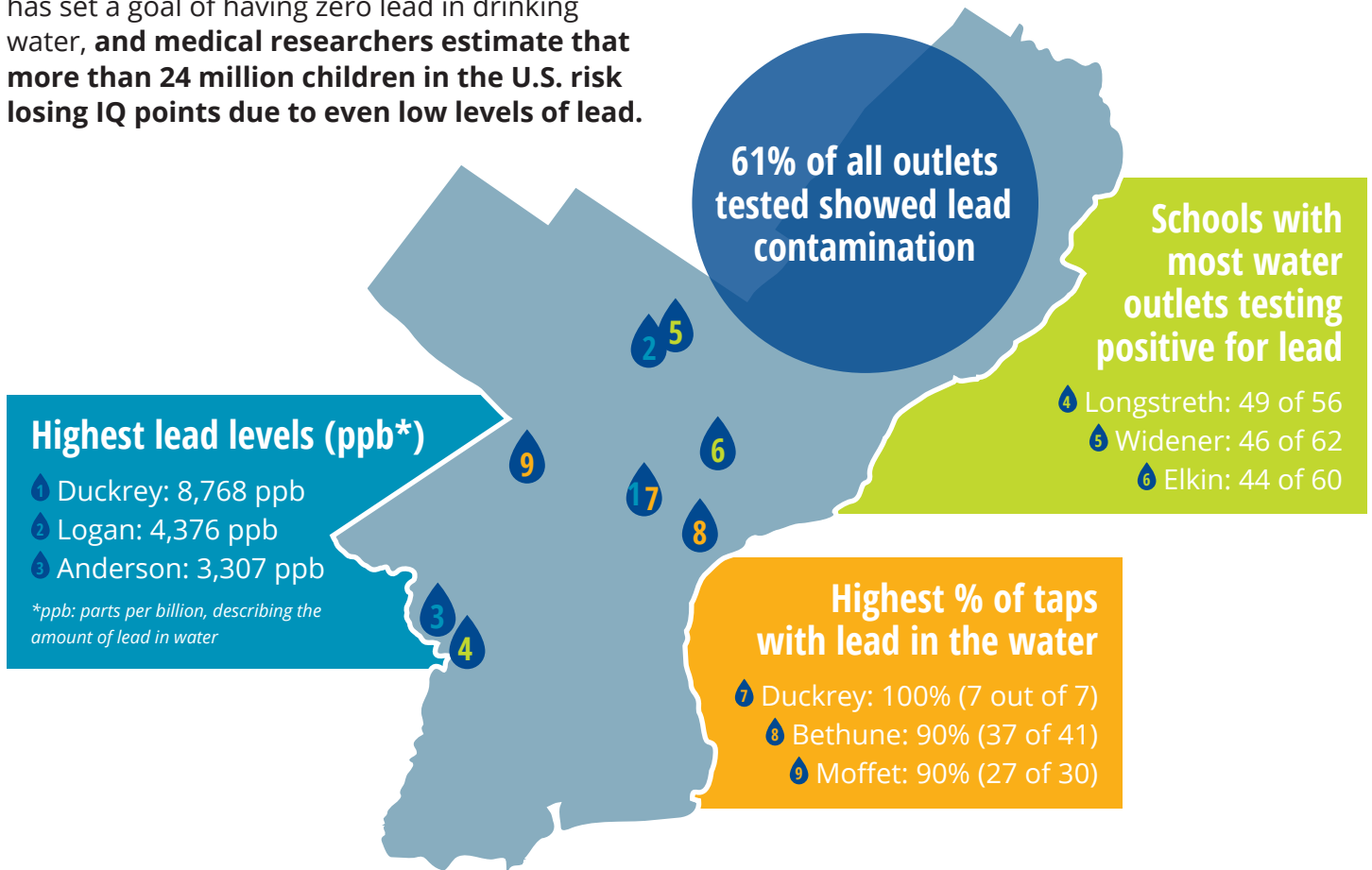
Lead: Unsafe at any level

It's no secret that lead contamination puts our health at risk — especially for our children. That's because lead is a potent neurotoxin that affects how our kids learn, grow and behave.

There is no safe level of lead. Lead is so toxic that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a goal of having zero lead in drinking water, **and medical researchers estimate that more than 24 million children in the U.S. risk losing IQ points due to even low levels of lead.**

Lead is regularly found in Philadelphia school drinking water

We send our kids to school to learn and play, and they spend most of their waking hours in school buildings. Yet samples from schools across the city regularly show lead in the drinking water, according to the School District of Philadelphia's own tests.



Philadelphia schools are receiving \$1.1 billion in new federal funding

By spending a small fraction of their federal monies, the school district could replace every drinking fountain in Philadelphia's schools with water bottle filling stations that filter out lead

Historic opportunity to get the lead out of Philadelphia schools' drinking water

The good news is that Philadelphia has a historic opportunity to finally address the threat of lead in our schools' drinking water, once and for all.

That's because the School District of Philadelphia received a massive financial boost in the spring of 2021 when the U.S. government gave \$1.1 billion to school officials as part of the federal stimulus package.

By directing a small fraction of these funds toward tackling the threat of lead in school drinking water, we could replace water fountains in all of Philadelphia's schools with lead-filtering water bottle filling stations.

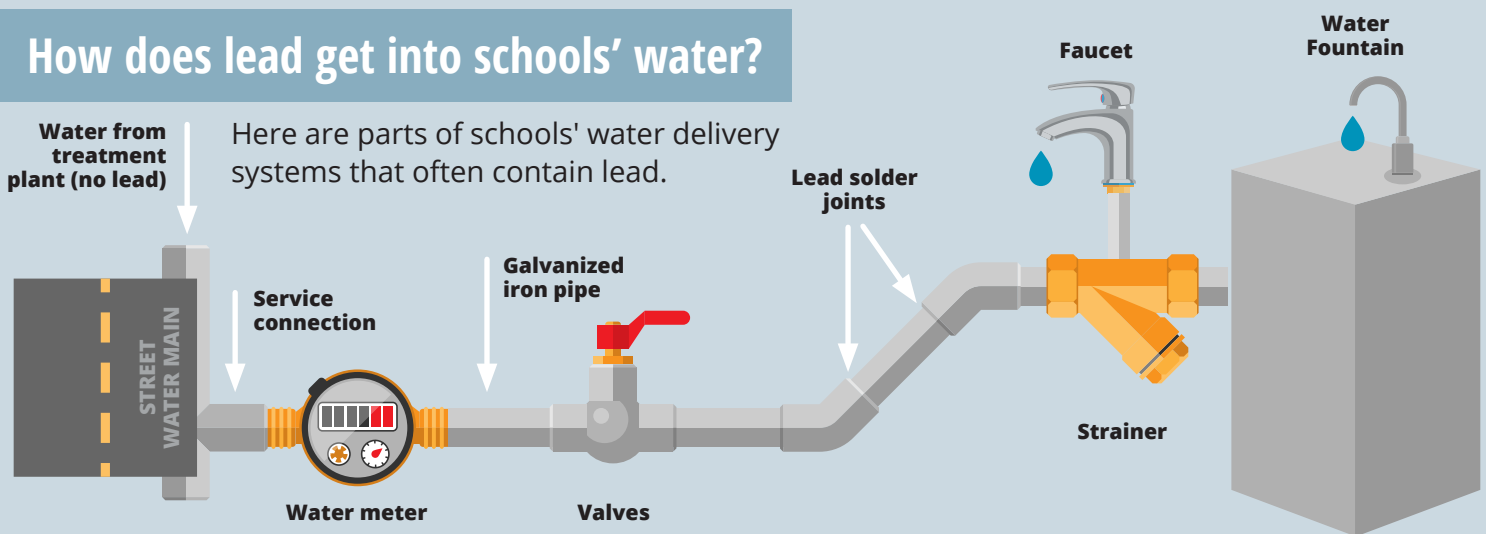
We're calling on the Philadelphia School District and local officials to make this commitment TODAY.

Join us in getting the lead out of school drinking water, once and for all

You can help us get school district officials and local elected leaders to commit to investing in addressing the threat of lead in our schools' drinking water. Join us!

- Sign our petition calling on Philadelphia school district officials to tackle the threat of lead in school drinking water. Just go to bit.ly/gtlophilly to add your name and take action!
- Get involved and help us recruit other concerned parents and community leaders, submit letters to the editor, and participate in citizen advocacy efforts. **Just email info@pennpirg.org.**
- Send a text to School District officials calling on them to take action to protect our kids from the threat of lead in schools. **Text LEAD to 21333** to join our Mobile Action Network and take this action today!

How does lead get into schools' water?



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