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Katrina Kane, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Hancock Grammar School Students:

Over the weekend freezing temperatures caused a pipe to break and HGS experienced significant flooding. Eastern Mold Remediation has been onsite to repair the damage that was discovered Sunday afternoon. We have been impressed with their expertise and immediate response to the situation. Despite our best efforts, at this time the 6th - 8th grade hallway, classrooms and rear entryway to the portables are not accessible.

It has been determined that the floor tiles in the flooded area will need to be removed and we have arranged for that to take place beginning at noon tomorrow, Tuesday, January 21st. This will involve the use of a jackhammer and we will need to vacate the building due to the anticipated noise levels.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AT 11:30 TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

We have made short-term arrangements to shift middle level classrooms to other areas of the school while additional reconstruction of the damaged areas takes place. Teachers were onsite today to prepare plans that will provide the least disruptive learning environment to students.

It is unclear when the repairs will be completed but we anticipate a minimum of two weeks. The affected areas are sealed off for the safety of our staff and students. We are hopeful that we can avoid additional school closures but this will depend on how work progresses during the coming days.

The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. Eastern Mold Remediation has posted legally required 48-hour advanced notices outside the school to indicate that flooded areas, once dry, may be treated to prevent the growth of any mold or mildew. The time and date of this treatment is not yet clear and depends on how quickly damaged materials can be removed so the affected area dries completely. What is clear is that, should the treatment need to take place during school hours, we will NOT be in session during that time.

We will keep you posted with additional information as it becomes available. While the situation is bad, it could have been much worse.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Katrina Kane, Superintendent of Schools