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Cos Cob School Update

The assessment of the Cos Cob School water leak due to a broken plumbing fixture is nearly complete. It has been determined that the clean-up, remediation and restoration will take an extended length of time.

Cos Cob School (CCS) will remain closed for at least the remainder of this week (October 10-12). School and District administrators are developing a relocation plan for at least three grades of CCS students and staff, moving them to other Greenwich Public Schools for a limited time while the restoration work is conducted.

The Greenwich Boys and Girls Club has generously offered childcare services for the remainder of this week at no cost to the CCS families for the school-day program (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Parents are asked to please [email CCS Principal Gene Schmidt](#) so that he can provide the number of students expected to attend the Boys and Girls Club.

Superintendent Ralph Mayo said, "It was not an easy decision to close portions of Cos Cob School for an extended period of time. However, in order to keep our children safe and provide necessary access for construction crews to expedite the restoration, it is the right decision. I would like to commend the staff at Cos Cob School as well as the members of our facilities department and custodians for working through the night Sunday night to limit the degree of damage to the facility. I also want to commend our police and fire departments, building inspection staff and Town officials for their responsiveness and cooperation. I understand that this decision will have a major impact on the Cos Cob and host school communities, but I am confident that working together we will develop a plan that ensures the continued education of our students and the safety of the school community. I would like to thank the entire community in advance for supporting the District to make this plan a reality."

A Cos Cob School staff meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at Central Office/Havemeyer Building, 290 Greenwich Avenue at 10:00 a.m.

A parent meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. at Central Middle School Auditorium to present the relocation plan to Cos Cob School families.

Situation Update:

On or about Saturday October 6, a plumbing fixture broke in the second floor art room at Cos Cob School causing a water leak. The leak was discovered Sunday night, October 7, when falling ceiling tiles set off the motion detectors alerting the Greenwich Police Department. The Fire Department, Superintendent of Schools, CCS Principal and District and school facilities staff reported to the school Sunday night to begin to assess the situation. On Monday, environmental and restoration contractors were secured to begin a formal assessment of the situation and to determine the extent of the water damage, clean-up, remediation and restoration of the school. At the same time, District and school facilities staff began the clean-up

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process. As of today, the extent of impacted space has been identified as - on the second floor - the art room, the media center, computer room and maker space. On the first floor - the nurse's office, main office, three Grade 1 classrooms, two Kindergarten classrooms and the music room were impacted. The extent of the impacted area, requires construction access to the majority of the school, requiring school closure for the initial assessment and clean-up and while planning for the relocation of classrooms for an extended period of time. It has not yet been determined how long the clean-up and restoration will take to complete.

Preliminary Relocation Plan Highlights:

District administrators have been working with CCS Principal and Assistant Principal to develop a relocation plan for the duration of the clean-up and restoration work time frame. With some internal classroom relocation, Grades 3 through 5 will remain in the building on the third floor, which was not impacted by the leak. They will also have access to the cafeteria and gymnasium, which were not impacted. Kindergarten will be relocated to Parkway School and Grades 1 and 2 will be relocated to Old Greenwich School. Details are still being finalized and will be presented to families at Thursday night's meeting and will be sent via email.

Please stay tuned for further updates.

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