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Dear Ludlowe Families:

In the early morning hours of January 31, storm winds blew off a section of the rubber membrane on the FLHS roof. The affected area is above a main hallway in the second floor (Warner House). This left a portion of the building without a moisture barrier and the rain from the storm entered the building. This hallway contains fifteen classrooms, about ten of which sustained some water damage.

Over the course of the morning, the situation worsened quickly, but at that point the busses had already begun their runs and it was too late to cancel school. We directed all students who had classes on the entire second floor to the gymnasium. Our administrative team, district maintenance department, and central office administration were on the scene quickly to assist with damage assessment and securing the building to maintain the safety of all students. No students or staff were ever in the part of the building that was affected. No one was injured or ever in danger of injury.

Once the damage was assessed we determined that we would not be able to relocate the fifteen classrooms, and the situation would cause too much disruption to run school throughout the day. Busses were called back to FLHS as quickly as possible so we could dismiss students at 10:15.

Worsening the situation, our central office was without power this morning, affecting our server and leaving us without internet connectivity to get messages out. We utilized the K12 Alerts system to inform parents.

Contractors and the insurance company are on site to further assess the damage, and a mitigation and remediation plan is being crafted. We are also working closely with the town building and fire departments to ensure all areas are deemed safe to occupy the building again. The administrative team is working on a plan to relocate classrooms once we call school back in session.

Please note that the building has been cleared to host after-school activities, practices, and sporting events, and other special events over the coming days that are not in the affected area. Our Course Information Night scheduled for Fairfield Warde High School at 7:00 p.m. this evening will still be held.

As soon as we know information about when school will resume, we will utilize our usual channels of communication. Look for updates on the school website as well.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to create a safe environment for learning in our school.



Greg Hatzis,
Headmaster, FLHS