



Pigeon Lake Regional School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to provide follow-up information regarding the evacuation incident on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

At 2:45 pm, the physical education class noticed smoke coming through the ceiling vents in the gymnasium and the fire alarm was activated. At this point all students and staff were evacuated from the building and proceeded to the football field at the east side of the school. Once, it was determined by administration that there was a fire in the building, students were evacuated to Falun Elementary School.

The fire department arrived shortly after this. Upon investigation, it was determined that a small fire had occurred inside a mechanical ventilation system used to remove sawdust from the industrial arts shop. This mechanical equipment was located on the second floor above the shop area adjacent to the gymnasium. The fire was quickly put out.

Once the all clear was given by the fire department, students were permitted to return to the high school to quickly obtain their personal items and return to their busses. This occurred at approximately 3:45 pm.

Mr. Bryan Rabel, Director of Plant Facilities, initiated clean-up procedures shortly after this time to address smoke damage in the gymnasium and industrial arts shop. Air filtering units were placed in these rooms throughout the night, and will be utilized throughout the weekend and the coming weeks. Also, a company specializing in smoke/fire restoration has been hired to clean these rooms to their original states.

As an extra precaution, air filtering units have also been set up throughout the school hallways and cafeteria to ensure any lingering smoke particles in the air are removed.

Due to this clean up process, both the gymnasium and industrial arts room will be off limits to students for the next few weeks until we are assured that the air quality is restored and all smoke residue is cleaned. Teachers who typically teach in these areas will be providing alternate lessons and activities for students until this issue is rectified.



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We will inform you at a later date if newer information regarding this incident becomes available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 780.352.4916.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audrey Looker
Principal