

## Message to parents Feb 13, 2024 morning

Dear Sandpoint Middle School Parents and Guardians -

This morning, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, a water line above the hallway ceiling in front of the lunchroom at Sandpoint Middle School sprung a leak. When discovered, the LPOSD Facilities crew immediately shut down the water and started working on repairs and assessing damage. During this process, the crew found very old insulation that had got wet above the light fixture. Before the leak the insulation was enclosed and undisturbed. However, the uncovered insulation is from the era when asbestos was used. Several years ago SMS was abated for asbestos, but out of an abundance of caution, we have completely sealed off the hallway and an abatement expert is coming to inspect the insulation.

No students or staff will be in any part of that side of the building. SMS students will have breakfast and lunch at Sandpoint High School today. The P.E. classes will be held at SHS, as well. We will let parents know about the after school sports events, as soon as we have the inspection completed. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new information, Dr. Meyer

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## Message to parents Feb 13, 2024 afternoon

Dear SMS and SHS Parents and Guardians,

As we communicated to SMS families this morning, a water line above the hallway ceiling at Sandpoint Middle School sprung a leak. When discovered, the LPOSD Facilities crew immediately shut down the water and started working on repairs and assessing damage. During this process, the crew discovered wet, very old insulation above the light fixture. Before the leak, the insulation was enclosed and undisturbed. However, the uncovered insulation is from the era when asbestos was used. Several years ago SMS was abated for asbestos, but out of an abundance of caution, we completely sealed off that entire side of SMS today. An abatement expert arrived this afternoon to remove the insulation and send a sample to the lab for testing. We requested expedited results.

As we wait for results, we must adjust our regular school schedule this week for SMS and SHS students. Please see the schedule below. We have two more student days this week (reminder - no school this Friday, 2/16/24 or Monday, 2/19/24 - Holiday). We will keep you updated as we receive more information to share. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we address this immediate facility issue. Thank you, Dr. Meyer, Superintendent

**Wednesday, 2/14/24**

- **SMS students**
  - Remote learning day - Middle School students will NOT come into school. Students check Schoology.
- **SHS students**
  - Regular IN PERSON learning day at SHS.

#### **Thursday, 2/15/24**

- **SMS students**
    - Regular IN PERSON learning day at Sandpoint HIGH SCHOOL. Room assignments will be shared with students upon arrival and staff will be available to escort students.
  - **SHS students**
    - Remote learning day - they will NOT come into school. Students check Schoology.
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## **Message to parents Feb 19, 2024**

Dear SMS and SHS Parents and Guardians,

**School at both SMS and SHS will resume to normal schedules tomorrow, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.** We have received the SMS lab test report, along with air samples taken at the school today. We are happy to report that the building is safe for occupancy. The samples indicate clear air circulation at SMS. The conclusions from the independent lab testing indicate active school operations may resume. The inspection found one tested piping insulation material was proven to be regulated for asbestos-content (regulated-ACM) and other tested suspect piping insulation materials were proven asbestos-free by laboratory analysis. The regulated-ACM was found to be intact and enclosed above the hard-lid ceilings in the inner hallway system, with no exposure or direct access to students and staff. The final reports are attached.

I know this process has been inconvenient and interrupted vital student learning time, but I appreciate your patience as we ensured a safe learning environment for all students, bwm

*Dr. Becky W. Meyer, Superintendent*

