

February 7, 2020

Re: Albert McMahon Elementary Update


Dear Parents:

As you are aware, today we closed Albert McMahon Elementary after new information came to light just after 8am. The school was closed because a lift station system that pumps waste and water from the school to the city's sewer line failed due to heavy rainfall over the past week and could result in sewage possibly backing up into the school. Our team and contractors are hard at work replacing this system, but it is a difficult process requiring a deep hole, specialised equipment, and the rerouting of current pipe systems. As such, the water and waste systems for AMES need to be offline for approximately four days. This means that school will not be in operation for Monday, February 10th. We are optimistic that a temporary bypass will be in operation after this time.

When the school re-opens, limiting water use will be a consideration. We would ask that you provide your child with a plastic or metal water bottle to help reduce water flow at the school until repairs are completed. We are also cancelling after school activities until repairs are complete.

We will update you as information changes, and we apologise for any inconvenience this situation has caused you and your families. Should you have any questions, please contact me at angus.wilson@mpsd.ca. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson
Superintendent of Schools