



# Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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*Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Willow Road School Community,

We are writing to provide you with additional information regarding the small fire in our boiler room that occurred late Friday afternoon, December 8, 2017. Thanks to our fast acting staff and local fire department, the incident was immediately contained. The district contracted with Renu, a company solely devoted to restoring school buildings when events of this nature occur. Additionally, an environmental firm was retained to perform visual inspections and indoor air quality sampling throughout the weekend to ensure an environmentally safe opening of the building on Monday. The results of these tests indicated that it was safe to return to school.

Regrettably, as part of necessary steps to restore the building, all paper products, including student work, were removed from the first floor hallways. We are all saddened by this loss, representing the important work of the Willow Road School Community. Students have already begun the process of rebuilding their work and learning environments.

There is an ongoing investigation being conducted by the partnership between district administration and our insurance carrier to determine root causes of the problem with the boiler. It is sometimes difficult to determine how long this process will take. We assure you that we are moving with speed and there is a systemic response across the district to fortify the safe operation of the boilers. We will continue to apprise you of new information as it becomes available.

If your child has questions or seems to have been affected in any way by this event, please be assured that staff is available to support your child. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any concerns. Thank you for your continued support and patience relative to this unfortunate incident.

Warmest regards,

*Constance Evelyn*

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