

October 22, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a follow-up to our earlier communication, we wanted to share more information about the facilities issue at our school today. This morning, a water main ruptured which led to flooding in the parking lot. As a result, the water supply into the school was turned off for the day and there was no access to water within William Lyon Mackenzie CI.

In order to keep students safe and comfortable, they were escorted by staff to Dublin Heights EMS via TDSB school bus. All students not excused by parents to leave the school premise, were monitored and accounted for at all times by their teachers and administration.

Our Facilities staff responded quickly to contain and stop the flooding. Next, they began the necessary repairs and cleanup.

I would like to thank TDSB Facilities staff for their prompt response and our staff and students for their patience. This was an unexpected challenge and I'm proud to say that we worked cooperatively to manage the situation effectively.

We practice various drills and procedures hoping never to have to use them, but always prepared to do so when necessary. As you can appreciate, moving a large number of people to an alternative location can be a challenge. It is a testament to our students and staff that we were able to do so quickly and safely.

Thanks also to our friends at Dublin Heights EMS, Charles H. Best MS and Northview Heights SS for their support and hospitality in accommodating us today.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and apologize for any inconvenience caused by today's events. It is anticipated that repairs will be completed this evening and that we will be back in our school, following the normal routine, tomorrow. Should the problem not be fixed as anticipated, we will update parents and guardians via phone call and email tomorrow morning between 7:00 – 7:30 am.

The MaCS field trip scheduled for tomorrow morning **will not** be cancelled. Students attending the trip will meet with their teacher's in the main foyer at 8:45 am and board the bus at 9:00 am. **Please note, in the event of a school closure due to the water main rupture, there will be no access to any washroom facilities! All students attending the trip must ensure they use washroom facilities before they arrive to school.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 416-395-3330.

Sincerely,

Keith Johnson

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Principal