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“Preparing Today’s Learner for Tomorrow”

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Dear Balmoral School Families,

As you are aware, assessment of damage and construction at Balmoral School is well underway in response to flooding in the school building on May 9. The purpose of this letter is to communicate the information ISD has learned thus far and to share our plan for student programming.

The team of professionals leading the work at Balmoral School has shared the following:

- Areas of the building impacted by flood waters include the ‘east wing’ of the school (front entrance and hallway, washrooms, office, staff room, maintenance room, kindergarten room, life skills room and grade 7/8 room). The ‘west wing’ of the school and the gymnasium were not impacted in any way.
- Baseline air quality testing has been conducted in all areas of the ‘east wing’ and the data is being used to develop a construction plan and timeline for completion.
- As expected in flooding situations, elevated levels of common moulds have been detected in the ‘east wing’ air quality tests. We have been assured that the ‘east wing’ remains safe and accessible at the present time, and also advised to be aware that individuals may be impacted differently by the elevated levels of common moulds based on their own medical condition(s).
- It is anticipated that air quality in the ‘east wing’ will not improve and may worsen from the baseline levels until construction is complete. And, additional and ongoing air quality testing is required to closely monitor levels in the area and to adapt construction plans as needed.

Based on the information provided to us, additional and expanded testing within the building will take place throughout the upcoming week. To accommodate this testing and out of an abundance of caution,

Balmoral School will be closed to all students for the week of May 31-June 4.

Balmoral School Staff will be in contact with your family on Monday and/or Tuesday of the coming week and will have plans in place for remote learning to begin as of Wednesday, June 2. ISD is committed to providing an update to families by Friday, June 4 with hopes of resuming in-class learning on Monday, June 7.

We acknowledge the challenge this decision will present for families and ask for your patience and consideration as we make safe and informed programming decisions at Balmoral School. For further inquiries about your child's programming, please contact Balmoral School Principal, Mr. Mark Lawson, directly via email (mlawson@isd21.mb.ca) or by phone (204.467.2501).

Sincerely,

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