

Rye Neck Schools

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Dear Rye Neck Families,

All four of our district's schools are ready for the return of their students tomorrow. However, we understand that some of our families have been displaced by Tropical Storm Ida and that others are still dealing with damage to homes and lost property. Please contact your child's school to report problems with attendance, class materials, or other issues that may affect your child's return to school.

Here is a summary of the effects of the storm on our schools:

- **Daniel Warren** suffered minor ceiling damage in one small spot in the gym and minor water on the lower floor.
- **F.E. Bellows** had minor water on the Annex floor.
- The **Middle School/High School** experienced minor ceiling leaks.
- The **Athletic Center** had minor ceiling leaks on the HS side and water in the shared lobby and vestibule between the two gymnasiums from an overflowing exterior drain. Water covered part of the athletic fields around the perimeter of the campus.
- By far, our most severe damage was in the grounds crew's **Maintenance Garage**, where our trucks, grounds equipment, and associated supplies are stored. Cleaning of equipment, disposal of ruined materials, and assessment of heavy equipment and the garage itself are ongoing. A professional cleaning service and our insurance representatives have been on site.

Other than at the garage, our custodians and grounds crew were able to clean the buildings themselves. I would like to particularly recognize them for working throughout the extended holiday weekend to make sure our students and staff are able to return to safe buildings.

Best regards,



Dr. Eric Lutinski
Superintendent of Schools