



# ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mr. Keith Konyk  
*Superintendent*

February 14, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the last few days, representatives from the school district have met with the Allegheny County Fire Marshal, first responders, structural engineers, and utility companies. Several significant issues have been identified with the building that need to be addressed. At this time, it is too early to predict when the school will be ready for students to return.

The school has fire, water, smoke, and structural damage that must be dealt with in different stages. We have been informed that parts of the auditorium will need to undergo a controlled demolition to access the utilities below. Starting this week, a contractor will begin this process. Restoration companies are currently focusing on the remaining areas of the school that have been affected by smoke and water damage.

All operations at the elementary and middle school levels have not been affected by the fire. High School students will continue to learn remotely until further notice. All efforts are being made to conduct other school activities as normal. This is an evolving situation, and high school parents/guardians should prepare for an extended period of remote learning. The safety of our students and staff continues to be our highest priority.

Local politicians, state representatives, the Governor's Office, and the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education have offered their support and expressed interest in visiting the site. They are willing to advocate for the school district and our needs. We will continue to use our relationships with these individuals to assist us when needed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community and the region for their incredible outpouring of support and generosity. We appreciate your continued patience and will update you as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

*Keith Konyk, M.Ed.*

Superintendent  
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