



ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about today's early morning fire at the Elizabeth Forward High School. The local fire department notified the district officials around 5:30am that there was a fire at the high school. Fire departments around the area were sent to the high school to assist. The fire has been contained to the auditorium side of the school building but has caused extensive damage that will necessitate closing the high school until further notice.

There will be NO in-person or virtual school tomorrow, Monday, February 13, 2023, for the high school students ONLY. We are coordinating with the high school administrative team to assess the faculty and students' technology needs. The plan is to begin virtual learning on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, until further notice. We will better understand long-term plans within the next few days.

The district is committed to the education and safety of all our students and staff. We will communicate all updates through the website, email, phone, or text messages. We are working on making arrangements for high school events and other previously scheduled activities. We know our students will be heartbroken over this situation, and we are working on providing virtual access to our school counselors to offer support. We are just asking for patience as we navigate this unexpected tragedy.

We want to thank our local first responders for their quick response and the Elizabeth Forward School Board for their continued guidance and support. We will work through this tragedy together and appreciate all the offerings of support from the community and beyond.

Starting Monday, if you have any specific questions regarding routine school matters, please call the high school office number 412.896.2349. Stay tuned for further communication; we appreciate your support during this challenging situation.

Sincerely,

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