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SJPS HURRICANE FRANCINE STORM RECOVERY EFFORTS

St. James Parish Schools incurred minor damages from Hurricane Francine, which made landfall on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

The decision was made to close schools on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 and Thursday, September, 12, 2024. Due to widespread power outages, schools and offices remained closed on Friday, September, 13, 2024.

Initial assessments of buildings began on Thursday morning. Four east bank schools and 2 west bank schools lost power, which was restored later that evening. Remediation of roof damage and water intrusion at several schools also began on Thursday and continued through the weekend.

Damage was assessed across many school sites, including St. James High School and Lutcher High School athletic facilities and stadium press boxes which incurred minor water damage.

Students returned to school on Monday, September 16, 2024.

As of today, all remediation has been completed, and most damages have been repaired.