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At approximately 8:20 AM, EGHS Leadership contacted the East Greenwich Fire Department (EGFD) after a strong sulfur smell was detected in the first-floor science wing. As a result, the building was evacuated to allow the EGFD to investigate the source of the odor. EGFD determined the odor was coming from a burnt extension cord in one of the science classrooms. EGFD vented that part of the building and the smell dissipated.

Ten students, who were located in the classroom where the smell was strongest, were assessed by EGFD and medically cleared. They, along with all of our staff and students, returned to teaching and learning at the conclusion of the incident.

We take these types of situations seriously at EGPS and we are happy to report our students and staff at EGHS did an excellent job responding to this incident. We would like to thank EGFD, EGPD, Warwick Fire Department, and Ocean State Transit for their quick response today. We would also like to thank the EGHS community for their patience as we responded to this incident.

Please know that this situation is unrelated to the power outage earlier this week, that was caused by the storm. Neither today's circumstances nor the power outage is related to the lack of heat that caused us to close school on the last two days of November.

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