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Dear Ewing Township School District Community,

Our region has experienced an unusually severe winter this year, including heavy snowfall from recent storms in late January and early February 2026, followed by record-breaking cold temperatures and now a period of warming that is accelerating snowmelt. These conditions—marked by unprecedented cold snaps with wind chills well below zero and significant snow accumulation—have contributed to challenges with roof leaks in some of our school building roofing sections, specifically at EHS and Antheil Elementary School.

The extreme cold prevented normal melting and drainage, leading to ice buildup (including ice dams in some areas), added weight from accumulated snow and ice, and subsequent leaks as temperatures rise and large volumes of meltwater overwhelm older roof systems. This is not an isolated issue; similar roof concerns have been reported across New Jersey due to this winter's harsh and atypical weather patterns.

Short-Term Actions Already Underway: We acted immediately upon identifying the issues. A qualified roofing contractor has already been on site at affected buildings to conduct a thorough evaluation and assess potential interventions. Our dedicated custodians have safely accessed roofs to remove excess snow, clearing the way for the contractor to inspect and address damage promptly. These efforts help minimize any ongoing risks and allow for targeted repairs.

We take the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors very seriously, and we are monitoring conditions closely. As snow continues to melt in the coming days and weeks, some intermittent issues may still persist until full resolution, but we will endeavor to manage them proactively to ensure a safe learning environment.

Long-Term Plans: In parallel, the district is actively exploring funding sources—including potential grants, capital reserves, and other opportunities—to address roof replacements or major repairs in the older sections of our buildings district-wide. We are committed to investing in infrastructure improvements to better withstand future weather events and prevent recurrence.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this challenging winter. Our facilities and operations teams are working diligently, and we will provide further updates as evaluations progress, repairs are completed, or additional steps are needed. If you have specific concerns about your child's school, please contact the building principal.

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Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools. Together, we will navigate this and emerge stronger.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gentile
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