

## **Rochelle Park School District**

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Dear School Community Members,

This morning Midland School was impacted by the surprise of a flood across the first floor of the building. This emergency called for implementing a day of remote learning. Thank you to all for your understanding and for making the shift so quickly.

The flood was the result of a broken pipe. The extent of damage covers the first floor, from classrooms and offices to the cafeteria and electric. An assessment of the damage is underway by the district's insurance carrier for mitigation and restoration. At this time it is expected that restoration may take approximately 30 days to complete.

Given the circumstances, Midland School will remain on a remote learning program for all students through February 28, 2021. I assure you, in the event the building could be occupied and students could return to the classroom sooner the commitment to fulfill that will be made. At a minimum you will receive a weekly progress status update.

The safety of all of our community members continues to be a priority. Please continue healthy and safe practices, following New Jersey Department of Health and Center for Disease Control COVID-19 guidelines so when we are ready to open our doors again we may do so safely.

The complex times of providing and receiving an education during a pandemic have made us more skilled at online learning, and have made us stronger and more resilient. While this added stressor is certainly not welcome, it will not deter us from remaining resilient and strong together.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Sue DeNobile