



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

August 14, 2014

To Parents/Guardians of Students from Rocky Mountain Elementary School

The School District is providing an update on the progress of the restoration project at Rocky Mountain Elementary School due to the electrical fire and smoke damage on June 2, 2014. At this time, it is important to know that the building will not be ready for the start of school in September. School District staff are preparing plans for placement of students for the start of the school year. This information will be provided at a later date.

Principal Update

The Principal, Dean Chandler and Vice Principal James Lund have been working hard to ensure that everything will be in place when the students return to classes at Rocky Mountain Elementary. If you have any questions Principal Chandler can be reached at 250.641.1524.

Restoration and Renovation

The contractors are working at an accelerated pace without sacrificing the quality of workmanship that we expect in our schools. We are pleased with the progress and although the contractors are unable to give us a completion date it is our judgement that work will continue through the month of September. Further updates on the progress will follow.

The cleanup and sterilization phase of the restoration is complete and tests have confirmed that the school is safe to occupy. Phase 2 is now underway which includes insulation, plumbing, electrical, drywall and heating system. In addition School District staff have placed orders for computers, smartboards, projectors, desks, chairs, gym equipment, photocopier, library books and other resources.

Financial Support

The Ministry of Education secured preliminary funding directly from the Provincial Treasury Board in the amount \$3,100,000 for the restoration of Rocky Mountain Elementary. Requests to add space to the school were unsuccessful as the size of the classes more than meets area standards provided by the Ministry of Education. We will pursue some of these requests once this project is complete.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we appreciate your cooperation and support for all our students and staff at Rocky Mountain Elementary

Sincerely,


Lynn Hauptman

Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Board of Education