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Michael J. Baumann
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"Together We Can"

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Dear Parents:

As you know from my previous letter, we have suspended the capital project roofing work at both the elementary school and the high school after I made the admittedly ill-thought out decision to allow the roofers to work during the school day, which resulted in a significant disruption to the elementary instructional day this past Friday.

Throughout this past week, my staff and I have been meeting with our construction managers and site supervisors from Turner Construction, along with the project manager and shift foreman from Jameson Roofing, our roofing contractors, to both review what happened this past Friday as well as determine whether or not we can resume roof work in any capacity without causing a disruption to the learning environment in our buildings.

At this point, we have determined that while it is possible to mitigate the noise and odor conditions that created the disruption at the elementary school on Friday, the presence of workers at the buildings or on the roofs during the school day would still present an unnecessary distraction, especially for our younger students. Therefore, the Board of Education and I have decided to allow the roofing work to resume- **but only after students have been dismissed from classes for the day**- and with the following parameters in place:

High School (remaining work is over the science wing):

- All air handling/ venting equipment will be shut down each day from 2:00PM- 6:00AM; all gravity vents, uni-vents and non-powered roof top units will be covered.
- Turner Construction Company and Jameson Roofing safety representatives will be on site at shift start and periodically during work hours, along with the safety risk specialist from Niagara Orleans BOCES, to ensure compliance with all safety regulations.
- **Worker access to the roof will not be allowed until after 2:20 PM.**

Elementary School (remaining work is over B and C wings):

- All air handling/ venting equipment will be shut down each day from 3:00PM – 6:00AM; all gravity vents and non-powered roof top units will be covered.
- Turner Construction Company and Jameson Roofing safety representatives will be on site at shift start and periodically during work hours, along with the safety risk specialist from Niagara Orleans BOCES, to ensure compliance with all safety regulations;
- **Worker access to the roof will not be allowed until after 3:35 PM.**

After school activities (primarily athletics at the high school) will either be relocated away from work areas or rescheduled. We have also authorized Saturday work shifts as necessary at both locations.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students and the integrity of our instructional program are our highest priorities. I believe this plan will allow us to remain true to those priorities as well as maintain the positive trajectory of the capital improvement project.

Please feel free to contact me at 716-778-6854 if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Baumann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Baumann
Superintendent of Schools