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RE: Letter #2

Dear Gonic Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to share more information and will continue to share information that is important and timely on our blog at: <http://rochesterschools.edublogs.org/>. Although it may not seem like it with all the changes everyone will experience, I am reminded quite often during this process that we are lucky we found this problem before anyone was injured or a major event occurred.

We are moving ahead with the plan to have students in Grades 3 to 5 at RMS in D-Wing. I will put pictures on our blog that show the separation between D-Wing the remainder of the Middle School. I will begin answering questions on the blog. In many cases, the information we receive may change, or plans may change, so please understand if our answers change.

The big questions for next week include school events and child care. I will be meeting with Rochester Child Care today to see what options are available so please follow our blog for updates later this afternoon. We have already stated that we won't have school on December 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> for all Gonic students. With the weather forecast, we may need to cancel school on Monday and Tuesday as well. If we get significant snow, and it is on the roof of the new building, I would not feel comfortable with students in that section of the building. We have a very small space in the remainder of the building, and can't accommodate the entire school. I will look at the roof on Sunday afternoon, and make a determination.

The Gonic Holiday Concert will be held at the Middle School on Tuesday, regardless of the weather and any cancelation. We will be at the Middle School at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 12, 2017 so you can tour D Wing prior to the concert at 6:30. There will be a Gonic Parent Meeting on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at McClelland School. It is being held there since the Elementary Band Concert is already scheduled at 7 p.m. at the Middle School.

We are working on lunch questions and bus questions, and will have that information available next week. Again, please watch our blog for updated information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Hopkins  
Superintendent