**Update for Parents/Guardians**

**Wednesday December 13, 2017**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, our maintenance staff inspected the truss system that holds up the roof in the new section of Gonic School. We were concerned that these trusses may have been treated with a fire retardant chemical that degrades the wood and metal when heat and humidity are present. Our initial inspection created concerns and we had a structural engineer inspect the roof system on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. In our conversation with him, it was clear that any additional snow load on the roof, would create a significant safety hazard, and we should not have students in the building if that happened. We also realized we need to move students out of the area for the remainder of the school year, so we could ensure their safety and begin construction.

**Gonic K to 2**

**Classrooms-** Classroom locations for grade K to 2 all are in the older section of the building. Mrs. Ferguson’s previous kindergarten class will be used for PE, daycare and other activities.

**Breakfast** -We will provide bag breakfast that will be eaten in Mrs. Ferguson’s previous kindergarten class.

**Lunch**- Lunch will be a bagged cold lunch from December 18th to 22nd. After that time, we will have a hot lunch option. We plan to prepare lunch at McClelland School by our current Gonic cooks, deliver it and serve it at Gonic. Students will be eating in the classrooms and we are planning on having lunch in one room for each grade level (one room each for K, 1 and 2) enabling us to have 3 monitors for lunch.

**Specials** - Music and Art will be in the downstairs space currently used for Music and Art. PE will be in the Nancy Ferguson’s kindergarten class- she will be moving to the older section of the building.

**Recess** - recess will be held in the morning and after lunch on the Gonic back playground.

**Parent Pick up and Drop off :** In the morning, parent & bus drop off will in the **back** of the school in the morning. Buses and cars will be mixed in the AM. In the afternoon, parents will circle the school and pickup near the front entrance. Buses will also be in the front of the school in the afternoon. Kindergarten pick up will remain at 2:15. We understand that parents picking up grades 3 to 5 students will delayed in arriving at Gonic School to pick up Grade 1 to 2 students.

**Bus transportation** - Bus students will have the same pick up and drop off and the K to 2 will be dropped off at Gonic School. Morning drop off will occur in the back of the school for all buses and cars. Afternoon pickup whether at 2:15 or 3:00 will occur at the front of the school. Cars could drive all the way around the building and wait by the front door - buses can come up to the front circle by the sidewalk. This will be a change for buses in the morning and a change for cars in the afternoon - but this way it will be safe for all.

**Rochester Child Care**- will use Nancy Ferguson’s previous classroom for before and after daycare. Students will be escorted to and from that location.

**Gonic 3 to 5 in D Wing at RMS**

**Classrooms –** Grade 3-5 students will be utilizing 7 rooms in D Wing at Rochester Middle School - Six classrooms and one multi-purpose room.

**Breakfast**-We will provide bag breakfast that will be eaten in the classrooms but will not have outdoor recess first thing in the morning - we will offer breakfast and then have two rooms where puzzles, games, Legos, etc could be utilized - club type atmosphere. We will be utilizing three classrooms and therefore will have 3 monitors during that morning time period.

**Lunch -** Students will go, by class, to the cafeteria at RMS, and will be eating after RMS students are finished with their lunch. Their lunch time will 12:30, the same as their current lunch time. After, they will return to D wing by class.

**Specials** - We anticipate all students walking to McClelland for art, music & PE. Their current specialist teachers’ work at McClelland and the space is available to follow the current schedule. We will supervise and walk students by class to McClelland School.

**Recess** - will be on the field in front of the school from 12-12:25. Children will be supervised and then escorted back into the building to take off outerwear and get ready for lunch. Children will be escorted and supervised during lunch in the cafeteria by 3 adults.

**Bus transportation**- Students will have the same bus pick up and drop off. K to 2 students will be dropped off at Gonic School, grades 3 to 5 will be dropped off at RMS. Grades 3 to 5 walkers will be transported to and from RMS via bus. Parents can drop off Grades 3 to 5 students to be transported on the walker’s bus, and save a drop off/pick up at RMS. We will need exceptional communication between parents and the school. Please limit last minute changes.

**Parent Pick up and Drop off** - Parents pick up and drop off will be at both locations. Parent drop off for both morning and afternoon will be at the back of the school. We will understand that parents picking up grades 3 to 5 students will delayed in arriving at Gonic School to pick up Grade 1 to 2 students. Kindergarten pick up will remain at 2:15.

**Bus drop** – Morning drop off will be at the back of the school. PM bus pick up will in front of the C wing. Staff will walk students to the bus.

**Rochester Childcare –** will be using one of the classrooms/multi-purpose room for morning childcare. In the afternoon, they will be using the cafeteria beginning at 3 p.m. They will remain in the cafeteria unless another even requires a move back to D wing. Students will be escorted to/from D wing.