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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to a temporary heating equipment failure in a portion of Sylvester Elementary, all 5th grade students will transition to remote learning from home starting Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12. The school district is investigating several alternatives for temporary heating so our students and staff may return to in-person learning in a timely manner. However, the anticipated colder than normal air temperatures forecasted for the next 7-10 days are complicating possible alternatives and solutions.

The district is committed to identifying solutions very quickly. However, some solutions require the shipment of parts which may take days to receive. Sylvester administrators are working with staff to develop backup plans should this situation require more than a week to resolve. Specific communication about the daily and weekly school plan and any subsequent long-term plan will be communicated by the Sylvester Elementary Principal and the Director of Special Education.

Please accept my sincere apology for the inconvenience this situation creates for everyone involved. We are grateful for your understanding and patience as we continue to develop possible solutions to this problem. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our school administrators and staff during a time already complicated by COVID-19 and now exacerbated by an equipment failure. Please direct any questions you have about this situation to the Sylvester Elementary Principal or Director of Special Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Eichberg".

David Eichberg, Superintendent