



Media Release

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After a recent inspection of the northern section of the Centennial School, it was determined that water damage and mould are present. The mould is contained by the vapour barrier and, at this time, poses no immediate risk to students or staff. Air sampling indicated that levels of indoor mould are currently within the Health Canada Guidelines, and there is no immediate need to remove occupants. However, remedial action is necessary as the scope of this project is significant.

This section of the school currently houses grades 5-8 students and staff. After much consideration, the Board of Trustees determined that it would be in everyone's best interests to move these students and staff, and close this section of the school for the coming school year. Unfortunately, there is not enough space available to accommodate everyone in Centennial School. Therefore, effective September 1, 2021, grade 5 and 6 students will be moved to classrooms within the core building, and grade 7 and 8 students will be transferred to Queen Elizabeth School.

Queen Elizabeth School has the space to house the students and also boasts amenities such as a large gymnasium, and additional complementary classes including foods, music class, technology and more that will be of benefit to these students.

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Board of Trustees will be considering all viable options for effective remediation.

"The safety of our students and staff is always our first priority and while we recognize this decision may create an inconvenience for these families, we would rather ensure everyone's safety," stated Board Chair Lynn Ware.

Affected staff and families will be notified immediately of the change. Bussing will be provided with these details communicated directly to impacted families.

Further communication will roll out as we are informed by contractors and inspectors.