

Dear Winter Hill Community,

This week, outside of operating hours and while the school was unoccupied, a small section of concrete fell onto a stairwell inside of the school. Immediately after this was found by staff, the stairwell was closed to both students and staff and a structural engineer was brought into the building to conduct an immediate review. DPW staff also immediately responded and have conducted minor repairs and have been monitoring the interior of the building.

Out of an abundance of caution at this time, we have made the decision to **close the school on Friday, June 2nd**, while structural engineers conduct a more thorough review of the building. We expect this to happen sometime in the next several days. SPS administration and the Mayor's Office are working together on a contingency plan for temporary relocation of classrooms into other buildings in the event that this may be necessary. That planning has already begun. We will continue to keep the entire Winter Hill school community updated throughout the weekend as we learn more.

As always, the safety and well being of our students and staff remains our top priority. Canceling classes and closing a school are always our last choice, however in the interest of safety we have determined the best option for tomorrow is to allow for a full building review.

Again, we will share updates regularly throughout the weekend as information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Curley, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Mayor Katjana Ballantyne  
Courtney Gosselin, Principal, WHCIS