

# *Moose Factory Island District School Area Board*

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## **NOTICE TO COMMUNITY**

This is to provide notice to the community that the first day of school for all students at Ministik has been delayed to **Wednesday, August 28, 2019.**

This delay is to allow for the time required for our education and maintenance staff to work together to accommodate the urgent remediation work required to be completed on the school building and for the re-assignment of classroom spaces on a temporary basis.

### **Background:**


With the major capital project of Plumbing and Flooring Upgrades that was initiated the previous summer, unexpected issues were encountered that have created unavoidable delays in full completion of the project on a timely basis. One of the key and concerning issues was that mould was discovered within the walls of the impacted area. The project was halted, and the site sealed until the school was out for the summer. Immediately following the discovery, the Board exercised its due diligence and ensured air quality testing was carried out. While the results showed slight elevation, there was no immediate danger that warranted closure of the school building. The services of consulting engineers specializing in this field were retained to investigate and provide a report to the Board of Trustees. This report was received in July 2019 with recommendations for remediation of the water damaged materials and locations where mould growth was identified.

Currently, we have specialized contractors on site to isolate, clean, and begin abatement of the impacted areas. The impacted area has been sealed off and air quality testing continues to be diligently carried out. The air quality testing will continue throughout the school year.

We want to thank the community for their understanding and support with the delay in welcoming our students back to school, as our first priority is ensuring we provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our Moose Factory Ministik School students, staff, and school community.

Meegwetch/Thank You!

  
Marilyn McLeod, Chairperson

  
For Gord Daniels, Supervisory Officer

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