



Lakeside High School Roof
Collapse 2024

**Ashtabula Area
City Schools**

2024-2025

Ashtabula Area City is asking for.....

- Waiver of hours for the DISTRICT for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
- No consequences for Lakeside High School seniors
- Preschool hours - no consequences for preschool students and the 452 hours needed for compliance.
- Number of hours for elementary school - no consequences for loss of instructional time if exceeds state minimum requirements.
- AACCS would like to not have to make up the hours missed from Dec. 18 - 20 due to the major move of the district.
- Ashtabula County received a letter from Mike DeWine that stated Ashtabula County was in a state of emergency due to 67 inches of snowfall which caused our high school roof to collapse.
- More calamity days anticipated with it being northeastern Ohio.
- Complete devastation to our community to not be able to return to our HS this year. Estimated return date has not been given but has been suggested to be August of 2026.

Lakeside High School closed after partial roof collapse due to

snow

ASHTABULA, Ohio (WOIO) -After calling off school for Tuesday due to the snow, the rest of the week is now up in the air.Ashtabula Area City Schools Superintendent, Lisa Newsome, says she got a call Sunday from the fire department that the ceiling at Lakeside High School was leaking and there were holes in the roof.

“I’ve never seen this much snow in this short of a period of time ever,” said Saybrook Fire Chief John Jyurovat.Ashtabula County has received more than 30 inches of snow since Thursday night. Some areas seeing up to 50 inches. “I have almost 4 1/2 feet of snow in my front driveway,” said Newsome. “So the amount of snow on the roof was very very heavy”.

Newsome got a call on Monday morning that the roof at Lakeside partially collapsed around 1 AM after being forced to hold all that snow.The damage is pretty extensive, but there is no word on specifics or when repairs could start.“It affects the whole academic wing,” said Newsome. Meaning there is nowhere safe for students to learn.“There are some different options for us that we are looking at,” said Newsome.Staff members held a meeting on Monday afternoon to discuss options. Newsome says virtual learning was an idea. “I want to do in school learning, I want them to be face to face with these teachers,” said Newsome.

Other ideas thrown out were students reporting to other schools or using local businesses and churches.“I want to make sure the teachers are supported and have time to plan for it,” said Newsome.So far, no decisions have been made on how high schoolers will continue their education.“No one ever expected it,” said Newsome. “This is devastation to us.”Newsome also told 19 News sports will continue.

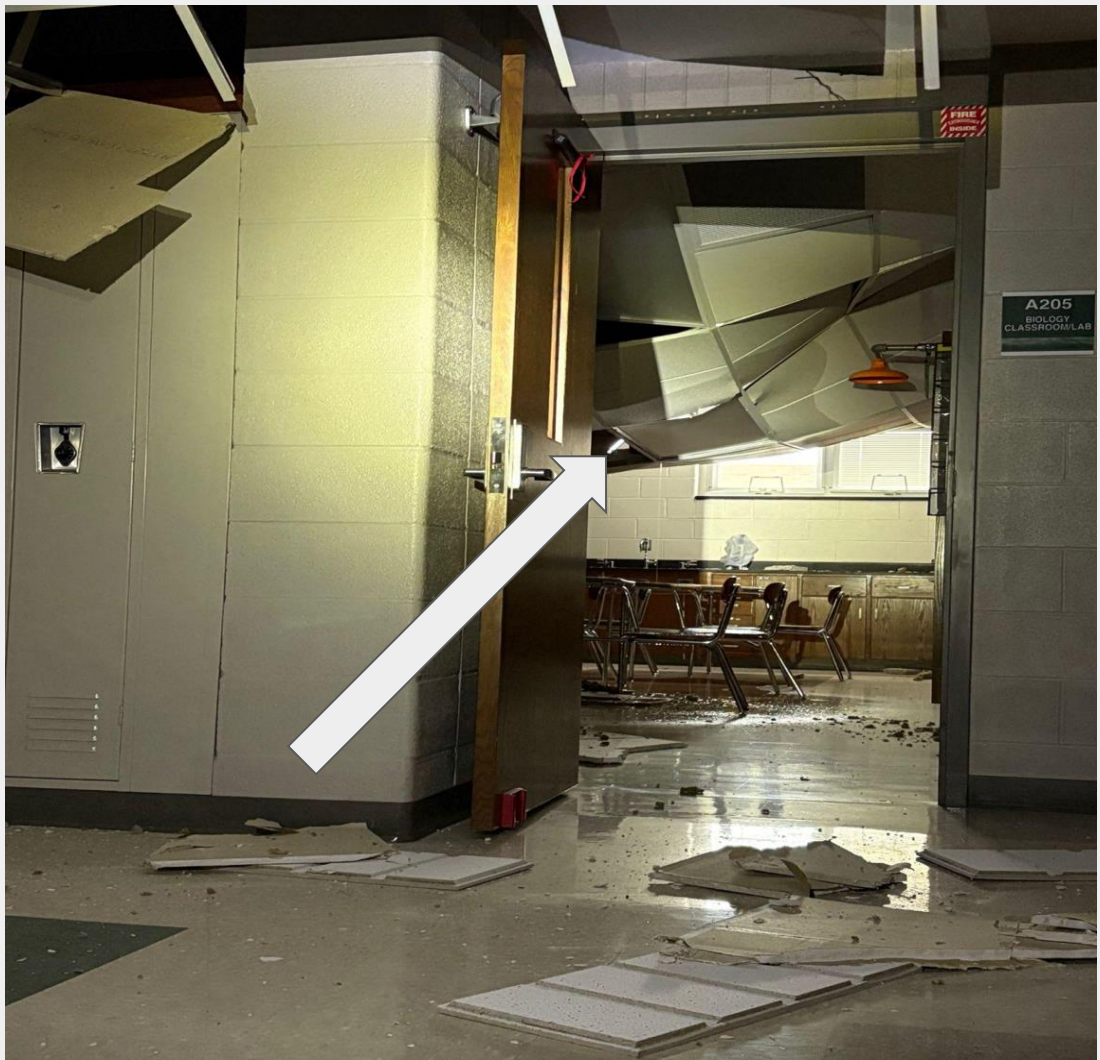
They have rearranged the basketball schedule so that all games will be played away. All other winter sports will also continue and will utilize other spaces for practice and competition. When asked if getting the snow off the roof is a priority, Newsome said they have to wait for an engineer to deem the building safe to do so.

The logo for 19 NEWS, featuring the number '19' in a large, bold, white font on a red background, followed by the word 'NEWS' in a smaller, bold, white font on a red background.





Science Lab second floor
December 2, 2024. The
building was deemed
unsafe 2 hours later after
this picture was taken and
no one was permitted to
enter the building on the
first floor without the fire
chiefs permission and
escort. The fire
department could hear
things falling in the roof
area of the building.





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TDphI0am5I>

Officials give update on Ashtabula Lakeside High School following roof collapse from lake effect snow
WKYC Channel 3



UPDATE ON ROOF COLLAPSE AT ASHTABULA LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Timeline

December 2: Calamity Day - The building was deemed unsafe to enter - Met with DOug Wetherholt and team immediately to brainstorm.

December 3: Calamity Day - Emergency Board Meeting - Emergency Virtual Administration Meeting - Meeting with Structural Engineer - Emergency Central Office Meeting. Meeting with Doug Wetherholt to go over poptions.

December 4: Planning for 9- 12 learning - Remote learning was NOT an option.

December 5: Press Conference

December 9: Students return to remote learning grades 9 - 12 - all other students return to school as normal.

December 17: End for Christmas Break 3 days early to allow movers to come in and move items in and out of 5 different buildings.

December 18 - 20, 2025

Truesdell movers moved equipment, boxes, technology etc out of the high school building that they could get out and transported it over to the new building Huron. They also moved boxes and equipment out of the Huron Building which housed the preschool program and our Afterschool Program and moved them to the Ontario Building. They moved staff that were at the Ontario Building over to the Superior Building and also staff into the Erie Building. They also moved equipment and boxes into the West 6th building that we were going to house all of our Freshmen. Within three days we moved out and moved into 5 different buildings, that we planned for in 3 days and worked through over the past week. All new bus routes were generated for the first tier buses.

Transition to new buildings Lakeside 10-12 and Lakeside 9

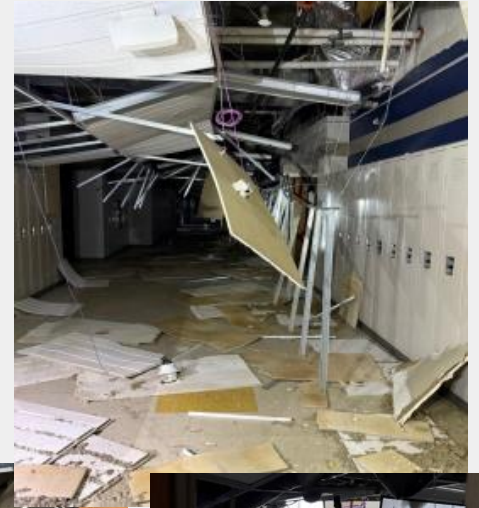
January 6, 2025 - Students started at the two new buildings and adjusted start and end times were adopted. The community and local business have been very supportive and have reached out to help in any way possible. All the Ashtabula County School district have done the same.

The Ashtabula YMCA gave us two racquetball courts to set up our weight room and gave us a discounted price for Lakeside High School athletes to allow us to have a weight room and access to the YMCA for in season and out of season workouts.



Most recent update and pictures from Friday 1-31-25

Lakeside High School Update Lakeside High School is currently being worked on. If you drive by the high school you will see cranes and they are removing the roof. I have attached a few pictures. They have not given us a date yet, as they are still investigating the cause and looking into the extensive damage caused by the collapse etc. Mark and I met with Mary Hastings today from the Governor's Office and explained to her some details. I have not been physically over to the high school for about three weeks and I went back into shock when I saw it again. The last page are pictures I took personally today. The roof collapse has been devastating and believe me we have been pushing to get things moving as quickly a possible understanding though that it needs to be done right. The amount of hoops that need to be jumped through with insurance companies, attorneys, architects, contractors to name a few are extremely time consuming but we are making it known how important it is for us to get our high school back. We have not been given a time frame. What I can tell you is that we will begin next year in the buildings that we are in now. The stadium will be in use. We will hold football games like normal. I will update you with any major changes and will keep you informed. Help stop the rumors. The building is NOT condemned, we just can not occupy it right now. There is a huge difference. As of right now we are NOT tearing the building down completely, we are not demolishing the building back half of the building interior is not damaged, the roof on the back needs repaired/replaced. We have a redesign team working on the reconstruction plans of the current layout of the building.





Thank you!

Lisa Newsome

Superintendent

Ashtabula Area City Schools

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AACS Provides Update on Lakeside High School Roof Collapse

There are numerous teams' onsite at Lakeside High School to start assessing damages from the roof collapse according to District CFO and Director of Operations Mark Astorino who is coordinating efforts on behalf of the school district. In attendance were AACS Facilities Manager Terry Strong along with representatives from the Saybrook Fire Dept., Liberty Mutual Insurance, Signal Restoration, Barber & Hoffman Engineering, Keystone Engineering, Bingham Services and Love Insurance.

Water has inundated the entire first floor of the front building which houses academics, main office, guidance office, media center and the central offices.

A damage team is photographing rooms on the second floor that are safe, however that is only 4 or 5 rooms in total. The other rooms are not safe for accessibility. An average cost of damage per room will be calculated. Classrooms on the first floor including all offices will be photographed and inventoried for damage purposes.

Removal of snow from the high school roof was deemed too dangerous.

Enclosing the entire roof to keep the elements out is being discussed, however given the large span and the temporary nature of the structure, gives rise to many complications including developing design drawings and engineering of a temporary structure.

The first floor is structurally safe, although some walls may have been compromised from movement on the 2nd floor. With the amount of damage, the next steps are to completely remove the entire roof and start gutting the building so that the walls can be inspected.

The area around the perimeter of the building has been fenced in

At this time in regard to the damage at Lakeside High School we have three priorities. First is to extract all district records from the guidance office and central office. This commenced Tuesday morning and is expected to be completed by Friday. All district records will be moved to the Main Gym. The floor will be covered with foam and plywood. The records were encased in plastic over the weekend to prevent water damage. Second is to mitigate damage to the main district server. The server is currently covered with heavy gauge plastic however the room is flooded. The plan is to have Spectrum run a temporary fiber line out of the main server room to another technology room near the Main Gym where the server will be temporarily housed. Third is to segregate the gas, water and HVAC supply line to the front of the building. This will allow the heat and fire sprinklers to be turned back on for the back of the building.

The half gable roof along the back of the building, which covers the E & F hallway (weight, band, art, choir rooms) has shown some snow stress movement during the past week. The plan is to re-engineer this roof as well. So that means that all items in rooms in the E & F hallway will be staged in the Auxiliary Gym.

Since the fire alarm and fire suppression systems are turned off, a 24 hour fire watch of the premises is required until such service is restored. Signal Restoration is handling this.

The district is insured and it will cover the loss. The District's legal counsel is working on necessary board documents to authorize the engagement of architects, engineers and a construction manager. Any due diligence with respect to third party contribution to the loss will be handled by Liberty Mutual.

The preliminary damage estimate is \$25 million and is being assessed by adjusters from Liberty Mutual.

Lisa Newsome, Superintendent has collaborated with Lakeside High School Mr. Doug Wetherholt and her administration team after hearing this devastating news to create a temporary plan which had to be decided on quickly but efficiently. There has been much progress with the planning of the move and set up to the Huron Building and the Lakeside 9 Building that will begin next week.

The students will be in school on Monday and Tuesday, December 16 & 17, 2024. The district's holiday break will be December 18, 2024 – January 3, 2025 returning to school January 6, 2025. At this time students in grades 10 – 12 will be reporting to the Huron Building which will be called Lakeside High School and grade 9 will report to the Lakeside 9 building located in the former Mother of Sorrows Building. Transportation routes will be sent out to parents along with student schedules. This transition to these two buildings will allow students to report to school five days a week during their normal times, for in person learning which was our goal from the beginning.

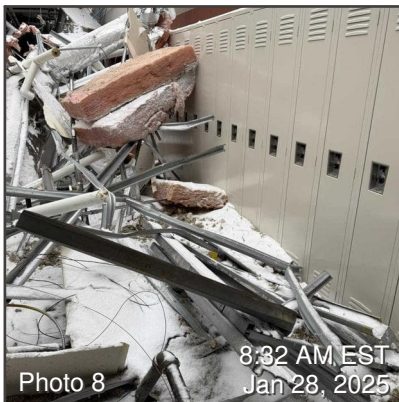
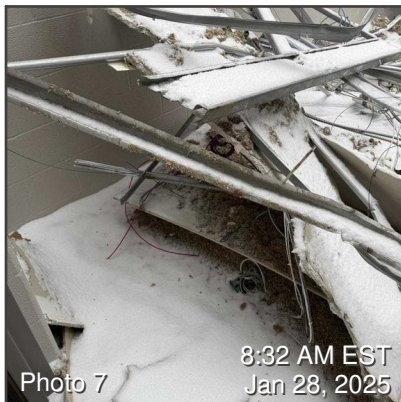
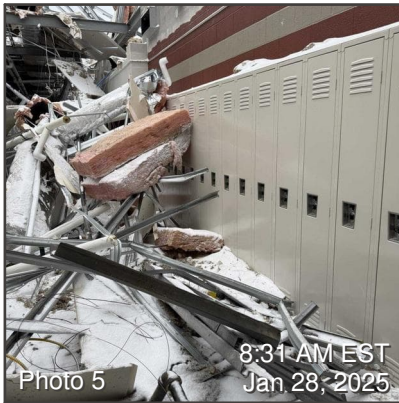
Mr. Wetherholt has assigned administration, teachers to both buildings and other staff. Both buildings will be fully operational with security cameras, all safety features that our existing buildings have along with technology. Band students that start their day at the Erie Building will be transported to Lakeside 9 if they are freshmen and their schedule permits them to be at that building. The Erie building will be occupied by high school students prior to the arrival of the 5th and 6th grade students. ATECH and St. John students will continue to be transported from the junior high school from the event entrance.

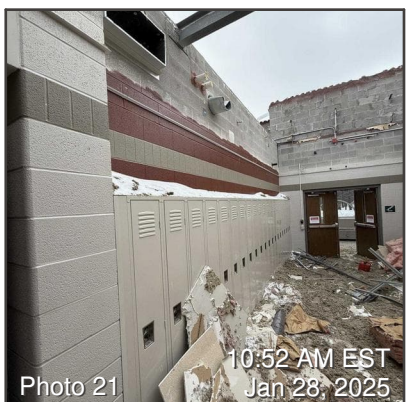
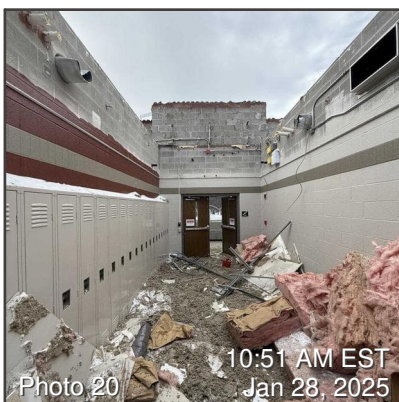
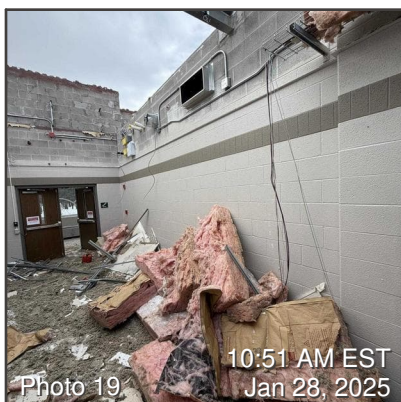
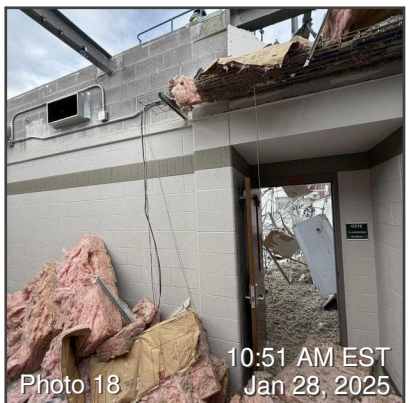
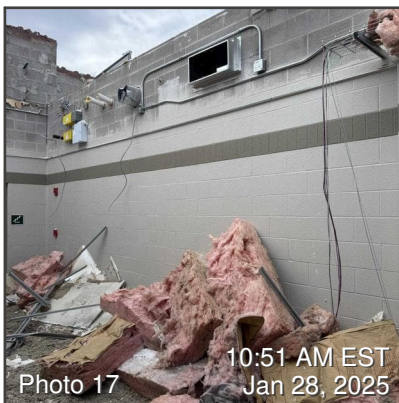
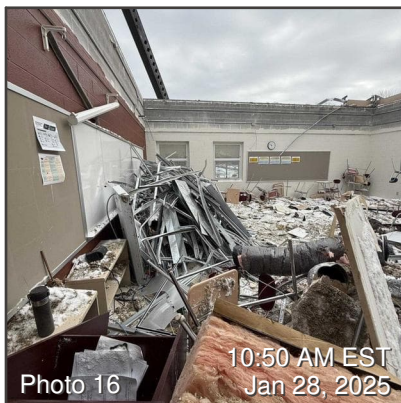
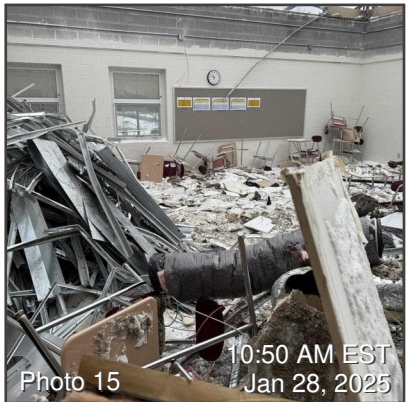
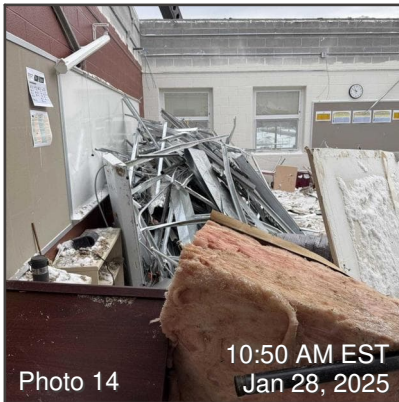
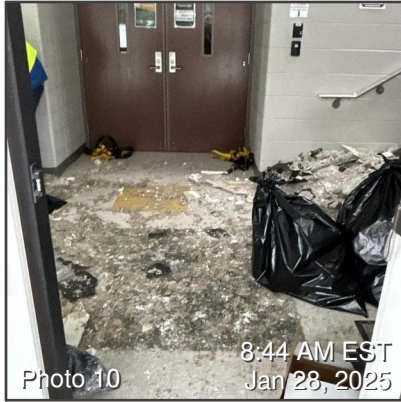
All activities hosted at Lakeside High School are working on being rescheduled to other locations. Our spring play, choir and orchestra concerts and home athletic events are being looked at and we are hoping to get those rescheduled so we can send out dates to families soon.

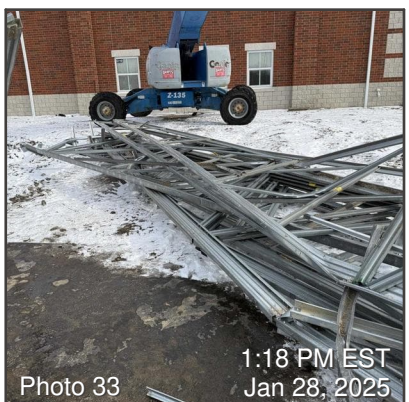
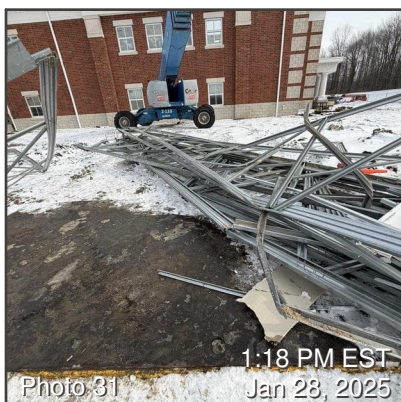
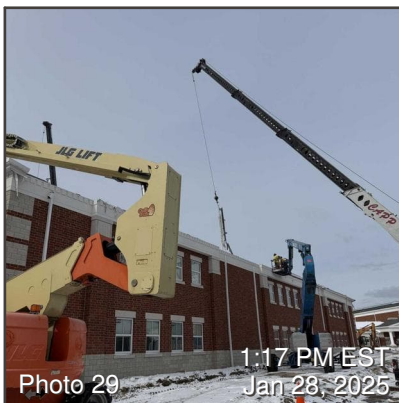
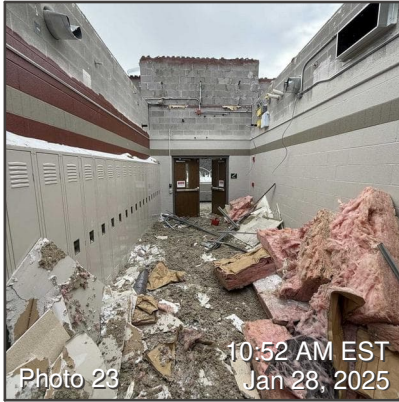
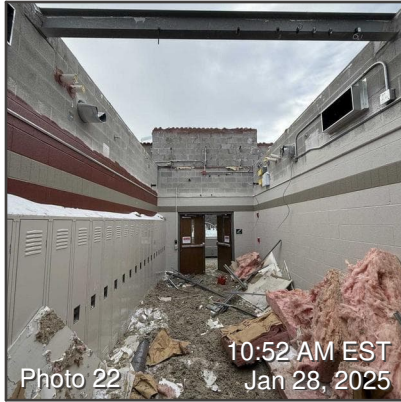
Our hope is that we will establish normalcy for our high school students and the staff and support this transition to these buildings. Our number one priority is our students and the staff and has been really positive from the onset of this catastrophic event and we will remain LAKESIDE STRONG!

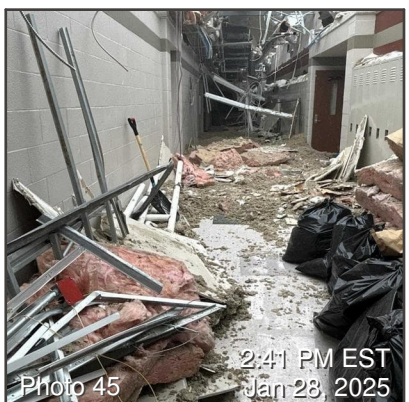
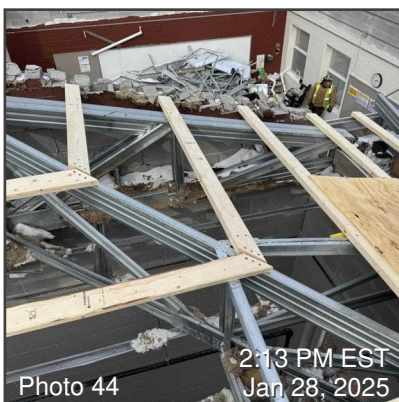
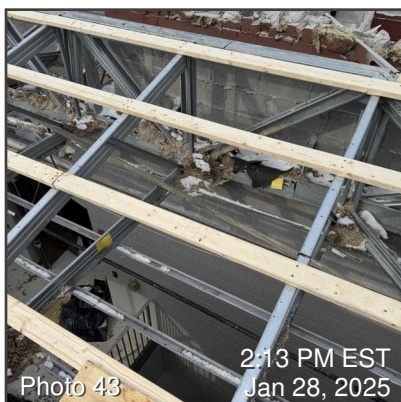
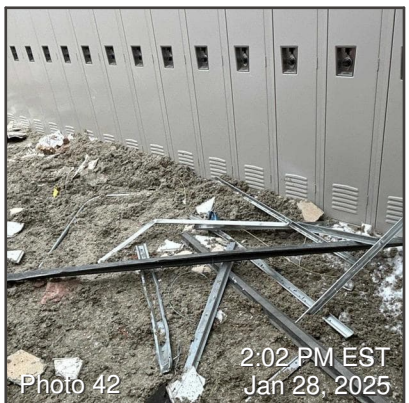
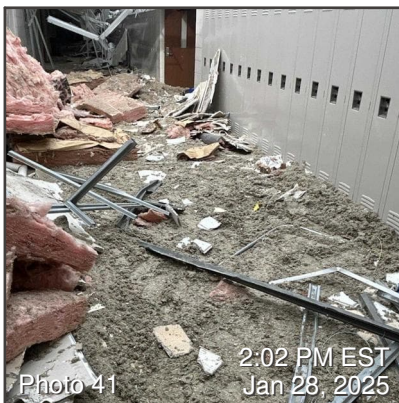
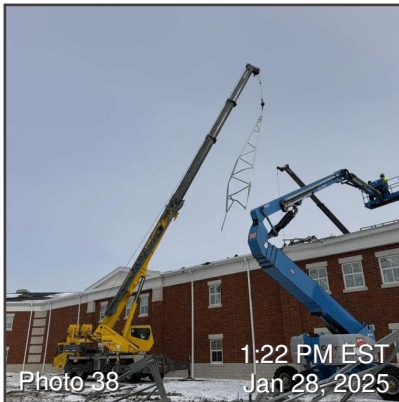
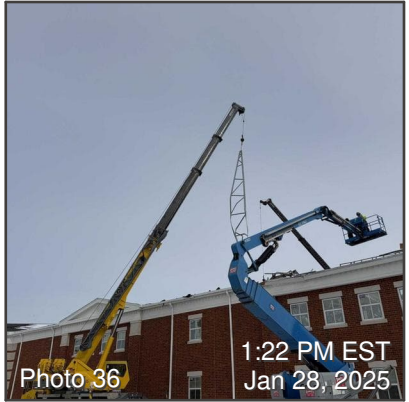
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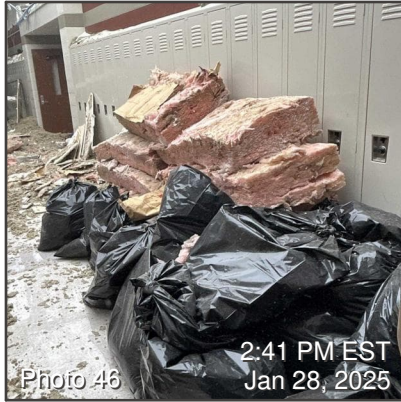


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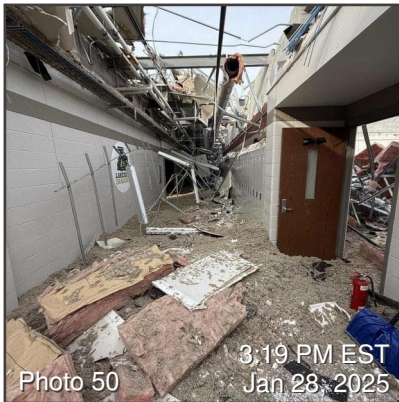


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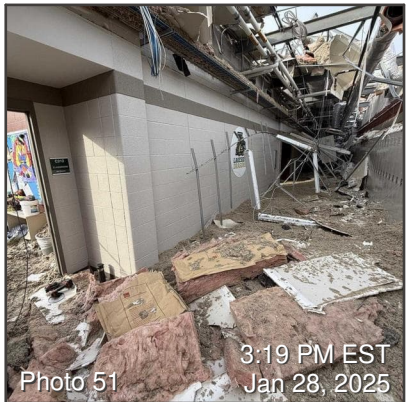


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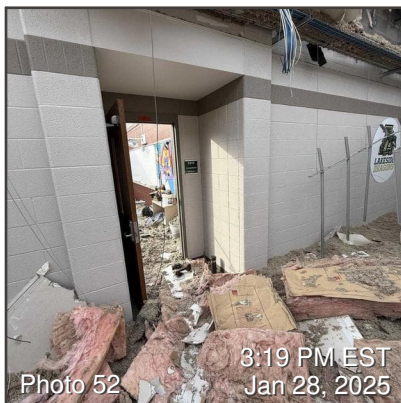


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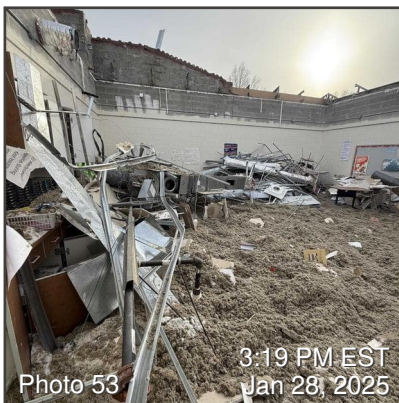


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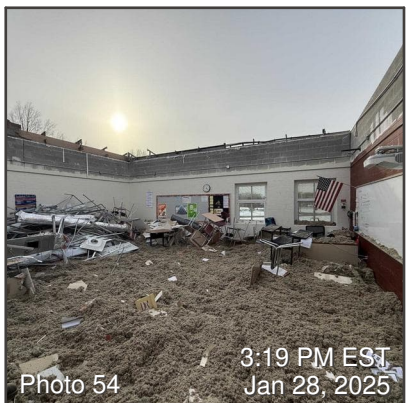


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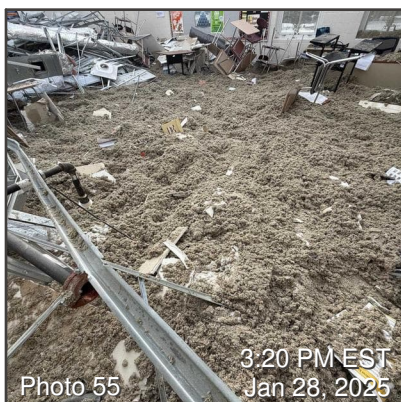


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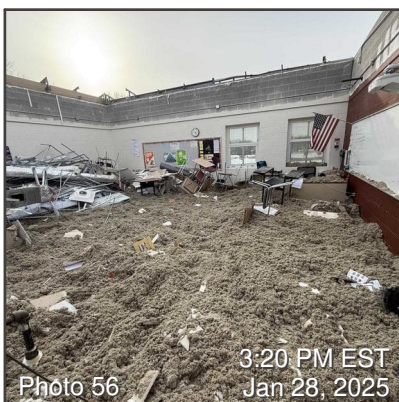


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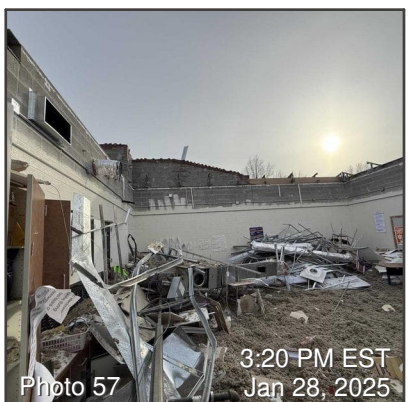
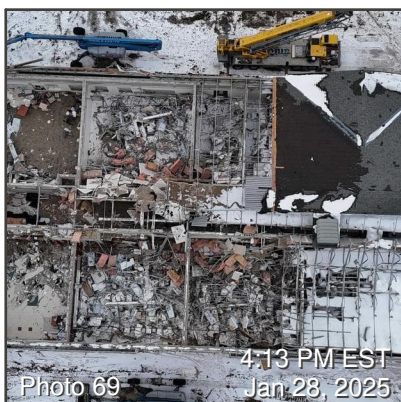
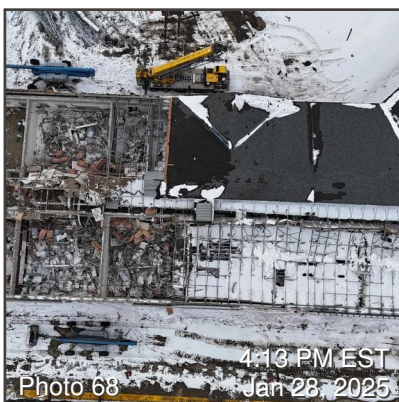
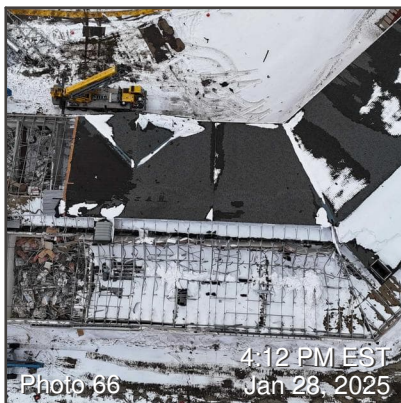
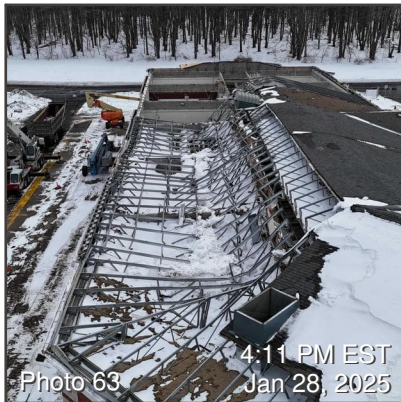
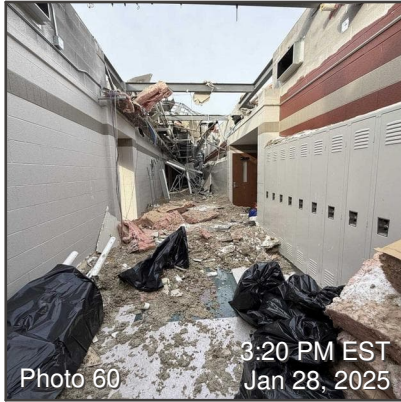
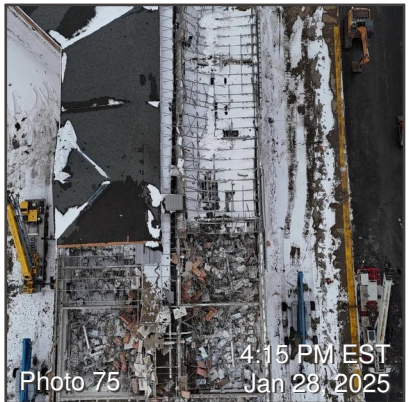
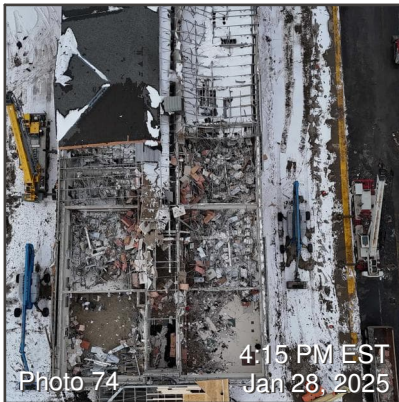
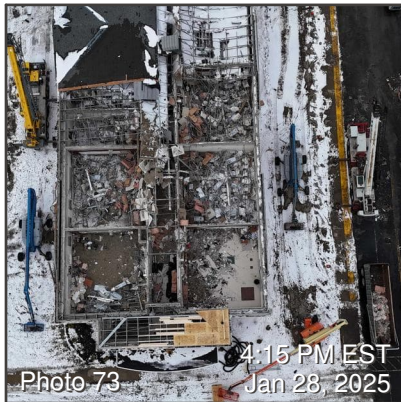
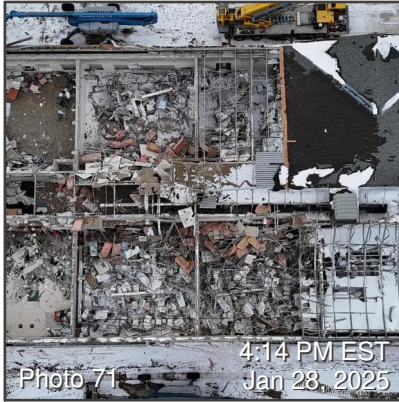
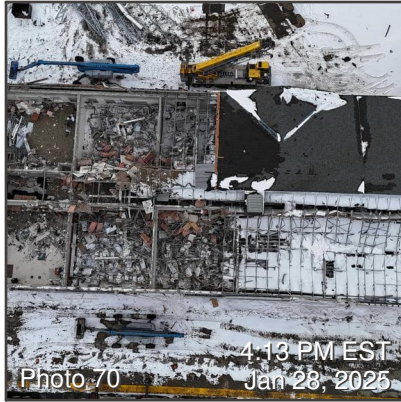


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Announcements: Press Release

December 5,2024

Lakeside High School Partial Roof Collapse

- Thank you for Mark Astorino, Terry Strong starting on Saturday at the initial onset of the heavy snow accumulation. They have worked endless hours and have done a great job in such an emergency.
- Thank you to our maintenance department.
- I would also like to thank Jim Timonere for communicating immediately with me and offering support and for working with me during this crazy snow storm.
- Due to the situation that we have experienced at Lakeside High School the administration team and I have come up with a temporary relocation plan with the goal being to bring the students back home to Lakeside High School as soon as we can.
- On Monday, December 9th high school students (Grades 9-12) will be doing remote learning temporarily until December 17th. Mr. Wetherholt will be sending out Google Classroom i instructions to all students tomorrow for Monday. Atech students will attend school returning Monday, December 9, 2024 parking and getting shuttle at the Junior High School at the event entrance at the same time..
- St. John Students will need to get the shuttle bus at Lakeside Junior High School being picked up at the event entrance at the same time.
- Grab and Go breakfast/lunches will be available at the Huron Building between 12:00 - 2:30 for pick up.
- Chromebooks distribution for students who left their chromebooks in their building will be announced within the next

few days from Mr. Wetherholt is all call and Final Forms. All students are expected to login to their google classroom on time for their classrooms.

- Lakeside Atech students will return to school as scheduled Monday, December 9th. Students may park in the JR high parking lot at the event entrance where the shuttle will pick them up at the regular time. Students may enter the building and get breakfast and then report to the gymnasium to wait for the shuttle bus. Afternoon drop off will be at the same location.
- St. John Students will need to get the shuttle bus at Lakeside Junior High School being picked up at the event entrance at the same time.
- AACCS will be going on the holiday break starting December 17th instead of Dec 20th. These days will be waiver days that will allow the move and transition that to take with as little education disruption as possible. Lakeside iHigh School Students will return to Huron and Lakeside 9 in person, 5 days a week starting on Monday, January. 6th. All start and end times will remain the same.
- We will be moving the preschool classrooms out of the Huron Building into the Ontario Building on December 17 - 19th. We will also be moving two classrooms from Ontario over to Superior. Grades 10-12 will be relocating into the Huron building. The Art, Band and Choir classes will be held at the Erie Building in the morning and we will also be utilizing various classrooms at the Ontario building for these fine arts courses. The 9th grade students will be reporting to the former Mother of Sorrows Building that we purchased and renovated and planned to lease, but have put that on hold so we can utilize this building for our own students. This will be called Lakeside 9. (Wade Ave Campus have Five Buildings Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Superior, Erie)

- Lakeside High School Bus Routes may be adjusted and will be communicated before and or over break.
- Central Office that also was housed at Lakeside High School has been relocated to the new transportation building and the fiscal office, Human Resource Department, Technology and EMIS will be operating out of this building.
- The Director of Student Services and I will be operating out of the Junior High Building and will be mobile. Central Registration will be out of the Ontario Building.
- We are thankful for Dean Ayres from Kent State, Spire Institute, Geneva High School, the Ashtabula YMCA who have graciously offered the use of their facilities for our athletics.
- Thank you to my administration team - Doug Wetherholt and his administration team. John Pinto and Alyssa Giegerich Julie Taylor for assisting with the planning process. Julie Fulton for assisting during this process. Maureen Surbella for helping push out the information to the staff and community. Lisa Love Certified Union President and Jerylan Runnion Classified Union President.

Lisa Newsome

Superintendent

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FURTHER, I direct the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to coordinate the State and any needed federal response to assist in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Ohio.

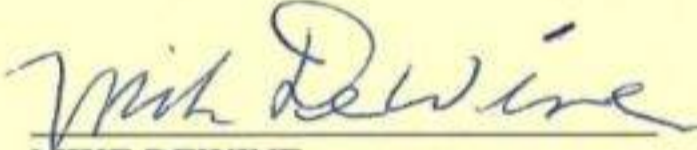
FURTHER, I hereby direct the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Chapters 125 and 153 of the Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and any other State agency participating in emergency assistance under this declaration, in order to procure any necessary resources or supplies to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the above listed counties and any other counties that subsequently declare a state of emergency due to the above described event.

FURTHER, this Proclamation does not require the implementation of the Department of Administrative Services' Directive HR-D-11 or the Department of Administrative Services' "Weather (Public Safety) Procedure." Accordingly, State employees' obligation to travel to and from work is not to be limited as a result of this proclamation.

FURTHER, this Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall remain in place for ninety days unless modified or terminated. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 107.42, it shall remain in full force and effect for ninety days from the date of this order, unless otherwise extended by division of (C) of Revised Code section 107.42.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus,
Ohio, on the 3rd day of December, 2024.

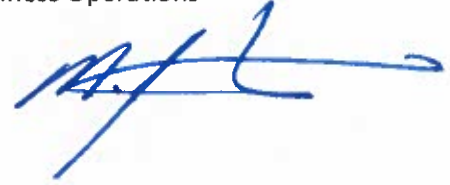

MIKE DEWINE
Governor



Lakeside High School

Roof Collapse

Submitted by Mark Astorino, CFO/Director of Business Operations



Sunday, December 1, 2024

On Sunday December 1st at 11:03 am. I was notified by Security Technologies of a fire alarm at Lakeside High School. Saybrook Fire Department responded. Terry Strong and I were at the elementary campus dealing with a power and heat failure and responded immediately. Terry needed to quickly clear a path with the district plow truck in the deep snow to enable entry into the building.

Upon entry into the building and entering the second floor, the second floor A/B wing was found to be flooded with water. The water line severed in one of the lab rooms as a result of what appeared to be a collapsed ceiling. Along with firefighters, we went room to room on the second floor and found 3-4 rooms on the east side of the both the A/B and A/C wings with ceilings that were sagging approximately 12-18 inches from what was believed to be a partial roof collapse. The first floor of the A/B wing had extensive damage as a result of water cascading down from through the floor. The water to the entire building was shut off and fire sprinkler risers 1 and 2 were turned off. Electricity to the second floor was also turned off. During our inspection of the second floor, the ceiling was observed to be sagging further and there was quite a bit of creaking and cracking coming from the room. Chief John Jurovat arrived on scene and I met with him. We were immediately advised to evacuate the building due to fears of a collapse. I immediately notified Supt. Newsome. Ashtabula City Fire Department responded with their drone unit to make an inspection of the roof the structure.

Given the extensive damage, I immediately notified Liberty Mutual via their emergency line to report the claim. I also called our broker Jim Love and he was on it.

Monday, December 2, 2024

At 1:55 a.m. on Monday December 2nd, I was notified by Security Technologies of a fire alarm at Lakeside High School. Saybrook Fire Department responded as did Terry Strong and I. We silenced the alarm in the main vestibule however did not venture further into the building. You could hear things falling upstairs. From the parking lot, we accessed the district security cameras via my Iphone and found extensive collapse in the A/B and A/C hallways. Water was observed leaking down into the server room, media center and adjacent hallway. Upon visual inspection around the exterior of the building in the affected areas, the roof was found to be severely separated from the brick/block base at the top of the building.

I spoke to Liberty Mutual several times during the day. Kirsten Ishikawa, a claims adjuster from Texas with expertise in this area was assigned to the claim. Liberty Mutual will take the lead in appointing an engineer and doing the investigation as well as subrogation of the loss accordingly and if necessary. The district will need to keep track of all costs, including the costs to relocate staff and students. AACS will be responsible for its deductible.

I placed a call to Rick Swart, Post Construction Manager with the Ohio School Facilities Commission and briefed him on what had happened. He was going to convene the appropriate parties at OSFC.

I spoke to Chris McCloskey from Bricker Graydon, who serves as construction legal counsel for the district. Chris handled the 2007 claim for AACS (and other districts) and is well versed in this area. We decided that the best course of action is for AACS to engage its own structural engineer to make an assessment, and to engage Mays Consulting who specializes in roof studies, in particular school roof issues. AACS used Mays for the 2007 matter the 2018 issue and last year's junior high issue. These engagements are for AACS use and we will not interfere with insurance. It was advised that AACS should make no comments about the roof, its integrity, offer speculation, undertake any work or disturb the site.

Sarah Arthur Fowler reached out and pledged any support she could provide. She contacted ODEW for us and various ODEW officials have reached out to Mrs. Newsome.

Mike Fitchet from the Ashtabula County Emergency Management Agency reached out. Two members of wehis team were herewe late morning to survey the damage. The ACEMA is doing a community damage assessment for purposes of the State of Emergency declaration. AACS will provide the ACEMA with preliminary damage estimates.

As per the district Emergency Operations Plan, we convened the district emergency response team for a meeting. Chief John Jurovat and Capt. Steve Chase attended as well. Even though the collapse appears to only affect the front of the building, the entire building must remain closed. The sprinkler system is compromised as well as broken water lines. Down the road (months), once structural assessments are made, it MAY be possible to interimly segregate water supply so that the back half of the building might be usable. We also reviewed more drone footage which shows the further collapse.

We are very concerned with the water leaking down into the main IT room. I spoke to Brian Greathouse at Neomin, our IT consultant DataServ and Tim Ranck our Tech. Director, to assemble a team to determine a contingency plan if we lose the main server. It is a precarious issue. We did get permission to enter the building and cover the server with plastic so that it does not get wet. Security Tech removed the district camera server from the building.

We are in the process of relocating all central office employees. Fiscal employees, EMIS and Facilities will relocate to the Transportation Facility Training Room. Technology will work out of the Transportation Facility Conference room. Human Resources and Special Ed. will locate to the Huron building. There are many logistical issues that will need to be worked through.

Chief Jurovat gave permission to extract essential items from the board offices i.e. lap tops, necessary files check printer etc.

Mrs. Newsome is working with Mr. Wetherholt on educational plans for the high school.

Preliminary damage estimates are in excess of \$25 million.