

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON

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Dear School District of Crandon Families and Staff,

As you have seen and heard yesterday afternoon, at approximately 1:00 p.m., we began to receive reports that a few of our students were experiencing shortness of breath, light-headedness and increased pulse rate. As the day progressed, several staff members also reported these symptoms. In response to these concerns, we made the decision to evacuate the building and sought assistance from the Sheriff's Department as well as Forest County Emergency management and many other outside agencies to help us determine the cause of these symptoms.

We understand the concern this may have caused and assure you that we are working diligently to resolve this situation as quickly and safely as possible. The health and safety of our students and staff is our utmost concern.

After an extensive investigation last night by the Forest County Sheriff's Office, Crandon Fire Department, Oneida County and Wausau Haz-Mat teams along with many other agencies, the source of the symptoms has been identified as a mechanical issue with the furnace (boiler) which resulted in elevated levels of carbon monoxide. As soon as the issue was identified the School District contacted our third-party vendor Energy Control and Design to help us investigate the issue further and come up with a repair plan. At this time, Energy Control and Design is onsite working with our buildings and grounds team to address the mechanical issue. **The school will remain closed today, Friday March 15, 2024.** Once we have the mechanical issue resolved, as well as testing all other boilers in the district, final testing will be done to make sure the issue is fully resolved so we can again provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

After the investigation is complete by Energy Control and Design, we will work as a district team to determine when classes can safely resume.

We will continue to provide updates as soon as they are available. Please watch for communication(s) throughout the weekend. If you experience these symptoms, please seek medical attention. Please take care of your loved ones, and do not hesitate to reach out to us with any concerns or questions. We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we work together to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our school community.

The well-being and mental health of our school community are of paramount importance to us. We understand that incidents such as this can be distressing for students and staff alike. Therefore, we want to ensure that appropriate support is readily accessible to anyone who may require it, upon return to school.

In closing we want to thank all of our students, staff and families for their patience and understanding as we work through this situation. We also want to thank the Forest County Sheriff's Department as well as all other responders, EMS personnel and agencies that responded yesterday.

Sincerely,

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