November 15, 2019

Dear Steel Valley Community,

I am sorry for the disruption of not having school in the Middle School and High School today. We found out yesterday that our emergency fire alarm system had gone down, and I had to make the decisions to postpone secondary parent-teacher conferences and to cancel school today. Those decisions were made because we take the safety of our students, staff and visitors very seriously.

A repair technician from our vendor is coming to the High School this evening, and he is bringing the parts identified during an evaluation earlier today by two of the vendor’s troubleshooters. While the company is confident they can make the repairs, they cannot guarantee a timeline. Because of that, right now I cannot tell you whether or not the Middle School and High School will have school on Monday.

As the repairs get underway, we will get frequent feedback on the progress being made. When we have enough information to decide about Monday, we will send a phone blast and post the decision on our online platforms. The latest we will make the announcement will be Sunday evening, though I hope to be able to do so earlier.

We plan to reschedule parent-teacher conferences for next week, but the actual date will be dependent on the success of the repairs.

Although the day was not what anyone would wish for, our administrators, teachers and all staff members did a great job of working together and supporting each other. Many thanks to Mr. Walsh and the Barrett team for their gracious accommodation of the Middle School and High School staff.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer