



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents of Point Road Students,

This morning, the smell of gas was prevalent in one specific classroom. The students had literally just entered the building and had not yet begun their day.

Dr. Albert Devine quickly followed our gas leak emergency procedures as a safety protocol. Students were evacuated to St. John's. Students engaged in read alouds and other activities until their return to Point Road shortly before 10:00 AM.

There was one HVAC unit that had a minor malfunction. While our Buildings and Grounds Department identified the issue, it is our procedure to call the Fire Department and Gas Company in order to thoroughly assess the situation. First responders and Gas Company employees visited every classroom to determine air quality. When the building was deemed safe, the staff and children returned.

It should be noted that the staff and students were excellent throughout this process. First responders were prompt and provided information as soon as they made determinations. Thank you to Mayor Neff for his ongoing support. A special thanks to the staff at St. John's who readily accommodated our staff and students for a bit longer than anticipated!

Information was sent to parents as it became available to district personnel. Three Code Reds and two tweets were sent. We appreciate the fact that the vast majority of parents did not come to St. John's to pick up their children, as this creates unnecessary challenges as we implement our procedures.

Should a true emergency require parents to pick up children, the district has a reunification process that would be implemented in an orderly fashion.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Kossack
Superintendent of Schools