

RIVERVIEW GARDENS

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MISSION

Collaboratively educate and empower our scholars to thrive in challenging environments

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Dear Family,

As we navigate through the frigid temperatures of winter, we understand that some of our classrooms are facing heating challenges. We want to assure you that we are working tirelessly to identify and address each building and classroom affected by the cold temperatures.

Creating a comfortable and conducive learning environment for our scholars and staff is of utmost importance. Our team is actively monitoring the situation and implementing solutions to mitigate the cold. RGSD is committed to ensuring that every scholar can focus on their studies and activities without being hindered by the frigid temperatures. We have called on the help of additional HVAC contractors to assist with these challenges.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work towards resolving these heating issues. Please know that your feedback and concerns are valuable to us, and we are taking every step necessary to provide a suitable environment for all members of our school community.

Precautionary measures we are taking to protect scholars include: delivering portable heaters into affected classrooms and offices, temporarily relocating scholars out of affected classrooms into warmer locations and more.

At Moline Elementary School, radiators in select classrooms and offices suffered mechanical failures. Scholars in the affected classrooms were relocated to other parts of the building as HVAC technicians worked to restore the heat in all classrooms and offices. The Facilities team placed portable heaters in affected classrooms and offices to aid in heating the building.

At Meadows Elementary School, the gas supply was briefly shut off by local fire department officials after the odor of natural gas was discovered. Spire was notified and sent representatives to inspect the odor. The Spire officials determined that the gas was an external issue and restored the service following a brief outage. The temperature level of the building was not greatly impacted by this brief outage.

At Riverview Gardens High School, a ruptured boiler caused water to leak onto the floor of the gymnasium and the training center. The leak occurred after school after dismissal. The water in the affected areas has been shut off temporarily and maintenance technicians are removing the water and cleaning the area.

Other schools and offices across the District have faced isolated incidents related to the heating systems. Our Facilities team is addressing each concern as quickly as possible. Special thanks to our Maintenance and Facilities team for their tireless efforts to keep staff and scholars warm.

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If you have any immediate concerns or questions about the heating system at a specific school or location, please report them to the school administrators.

Your cooperation and support during this chilly winter season are greatly appreciated. Together, we will overcome these challenges and continue to provide a high-quality education for our scholars.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ishmael Sistrunk
Executive Director of Communications