

Friday, June 9, 2017

Dear Hutchinson Parents and Community Members,

Beginning this Saturday, June 10 and continuing during weekday after-school hours, construction teams will conduct what is known as "destructive testing" on the façade at Hutchinson School. Please know that this process is not nearly as "destructive" as it sounds and will provide vital insight into the overall condition of Hutchinson School as the Board of Education and District continue to examine the best course of action for Hutchinson School.

The testing involves removing approximately 20 separate sections of the school's brick façade in order to determine the underlying conditions of the structure. The work is expected to continue during the upcoming week, however I want to assure you that it will only take place after dismissal each day. Additionally, you may have noticed over the course of the last day or so that more scaffolding is being erected around the exterior of the building to provide added safety for our students, staff and community, as well as to provide access to the crews that are working on the building. This testing is being conducted by Calgi Construction Management in consultant with KG&D Architects and Kaese & Lynch Architecture and Engineering.

Please know that we understand the difficulty and frustration that the current situation at Hutchinson School has caused throughout this school year. This work and the impending results represent an important step toward planning the future of Hutchinson School.

We will provide an update to the community once the results of the testing and next steps are known. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns and enjoy a safe and happy conclusion to the school year.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Giarrizzo, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools