

April 29, 2008

Dear Families—

On April 22, 2008 I wrote to you with detailed information about steps being taken to assess the construction of our building. Seattle Public Schools (SPS) facilities department and Stemper Architects have completed their assessment of the damage to the boys' and girls' locker rooms. The ceiling in both areas will need to be pulled down and replaced. The first phase of this work will be completed by the end of this week or early next week, which will allow safe access to the locker rooms for PE classes. The final work on the ceiling will be completed over the summer.

The original drawings for Eckstein were studied to determine if there were other indicators of “direct attachment” construction. A team from SPS facilities and Stemper Architects cut holes in the ceilings of several rooms to obtain a closer inspection of the original construction. All areas were observed to be sound. The final assessment is that the rest of the building was built to code.

I would like to thank SPS Facilities and Stemper Architects for their prompt and thorough response.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kim Whitworth  
Principal Eckstein Middle School