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RE: Prince of Peace to be temporarily relocated

Students attending Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Prince of Peace Lutheran School will begin the school year at Calgary Catholic School District's Holy Redeemer School, after a fire main burst in mid-July caused significant damage to 95 per cent of the school.

"Erring on the side of caution that restoration work will not be complete, Trustees gave administration two thumbs up this week to relocate the school on a temporary basis," said Board Chair Todd Brand. "We are very grateful to the Catholic Board for opening the doors of its Holy Redeemer School, which is currently vacant and approximately nine kilometers away."

According to Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul, Prince of Peace School is not owned by the jurisdiction, rather under a two-year lease with Sage Properties, which is managing the receivership proceedings of the Lutheran Church complex of which the school is apart. As the school is not tied into RVS' monitoring systems nor maintained by the jurisdiction beyond minor repairs, it is believed the flood went undetected for several hours, causing flood damage to classrooms, the library, chapel, gym, music room, front offices, conference room, storage rooms, and hallways.

"Sage Properties is working around the clock with their insurer and has advised that flood remediation and restoration of the facility are proceeding posthaste," said Paul. "Given the significant amount of repair work that needs to be completed, we believe temporarily relocating our students the best alternative."

Paul said parents have been advised of the relocation and have been reassured that come Sept. 4, school will commence as usual with the exception that for families who drive to the school, the commute may be up to 10 minutes longer and/or shorter.

Paul noted that no fixed return date can yet be identified, but RVS is working diligently with Sage Properties, adjusters and contractors to ensure families are advised on a weekly basis of the facility's reclamation. It is anticipated students will return to Prince of Peace in early fall.

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