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Gary Rider, Superintendent

May 23, 2008

Dear Parents,

During construction at approximately 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 22, 2008, a sub-contractor hit a gas line near the cafeteria at McFall which caused a gas leak. McFall students and staff were evacuated immediately. Buses transported everyone to the high school gymnasium. Many parents picked up their students and the others were on their bus at dismissal time. The contractor that created the leak has been removed from all construction at Thornapple Kellogg; the construction manager has also reemphasized the safety standards with all contractors on site to ensure this will not happen again.

The main priority is to always keep students and staff safe. Therefore, digging, including underground electrical and mechanical work will not continue at McFall until school has dismissed for the summer.

I apologize for our not having the time available to communicate the problem to parents individually or send this letter out yesterday. We were able to post the information on our website and on the local broadcast media to communicate that the gas leak occurred and where parents could come to pick up their children. All of the staff involved remained with students during the evacuation to ensure that all students were accounted for and their safe transportation home.

Please contact my office at 269-795-5521 with any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary Rider
Superintendent