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Aileen Wright School Preparing to Reopen Following Safety Assessment

Aileen Wright School will reopen for in-person learning on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, following a structural assessment of the facility.

Earlier today, members of the school board's leadership team attended the school alongside qualified contractors and a structural engineer to evaluate the condition of the building. Based on this assessment, a plan has been developed to support the safe return of students and staff.

A portion of the school will remain closed and inaccessible as a precaution. Measures are being put in place to fully separate this area from the rest of the building, ensuring that students and staff will only have access to spaces that have been confirmed as safe.

Additional inspections and testing will take place on the morning of Monday, April 20, 2026, to confirm readiness for re-entry. School staff are expected to return later that day to prepare classrooms and learning spaces for students.

"We are grateful for the swift and thorough response of all those involved in assessing the situation and supporting our school community," said Tricia Weltz, Director of Education. "The safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our highest priority, and we are confident in the plan in place to welcome everyone back safely."

Families will continue to receive direct communication from the school regarding any temporary adjustments to routines, including student transportation and entry procedures.

"We are especially relieved that no one was harmed and that we are able to move forward with a safe return to in-person learning," added Weltz.

For more information, please reach out to Andrew Marks, Community Relations Officer at amarks@ncdsb.obn.ca

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