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Partial Roof Collapse Prompts Temporary Closure of Aileen Wright School, Cochrane

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Aileen Wright English Catholic School in Cochrane, Ontario will remain closed for the rest of the week following a partial roof collapse that occurred over the weekend due to heavy snow accumulation on the roof and significant precipitation.

Contractors, school board staff, and utility partners have been onsite assessing the situation. The Board is currently awaiting a full structural safety evaluation from engineers, which is expected to take place later this week.

Out of an abundance of caution, the decision has been made to keep the school closed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

“There is visible damage to the building; however, we are very grateful that no one was injured as a result of this incident. Protecting the health and safety of our students and staff remains our priority,” said Tricia Weltz, Director of Education.

Following the engineering assessment, the Board will determine next steps, including whether portions of the school can safely reopen for in-person learning or if a temporary transition to virtual learning will be required.

Updates will be shared with families and the community as more information becomes available.

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

About NCDSB - The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) provides faith-based education across Northeastern Ontario's Cochrane, Timiskaming, Nipissing, and Moosonee Districts, with 12 elementary schools and one secondary school offering English and French Immersion programs.