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School in Session at C.I. Waggoner Elementary

Monday, March 16th the roof collapsed on the multi-purpose room at C.I. Waggoner Elementary School, 1050 E. Carver Road, Tempe. This also caused broken water lines flooding twelve classrooms. School was cancelled for Monday, March 16.

There will be school at Waggoner Elementary on Tuesday March 17th. As of 2:30 p.m., structural engineers, the Maricopa County Health Inspector, the fire marshal and the Tempe Fire Department have determined the building is safe and cleared for occupancy.

Parents are asked to take their children to the normal location tomorrow morning. Regular transportation and food services will be provided. Half-day kindergartners and second graders will be temporarily relocated on the Waggoner Elementary campus and in the Kyrene Middle School media center which is adjacent to Waggoner.

Superintendent David Schauer has directed the Kyrene Facilities Department staff to review safety of all facilities in the district. While regular inspections are conducted at all sites by school district personnel, Kyrene is exploring additional steps that must be taken in order to be as proactive as possible to prevent this type of incident from occurring.

As more information becomes available parents are urged to go to www.kyrene.org