

Burke School Updates



Progress! This community is awesome! Thank you to all who are helping clean up the town. Thank you to our neighbors who have come to help and who have offered encouragement and support. Thank you to neighboring school districts, especially South Central and Gregory for all of your offers of help. We are still in the process of assessing the situation, and we know we will be leaning on our neighbors for help in the coming weeks.



Professional cleanup crews, insurance adjusters, and structural engineers are on site to assess which parts of our buildings are going to be fixable. EMC Insurance has been great to work with, both on the corporate level and our local agency, Southern Dakota Insurance. They are focused on getting us open by September 4th. Over the next several days we will have a better picture of where exactly classes will be held.



Some areas look worse than others. All options are being considered regarding where we will hold classes, including our own facilities, other facilities in town, temporary classrooms, or to some extent neighboring schools, or some combination. As soon as we know the status of everything we will get information out to our public. We are looking at early next week to have the plan finalized. Plans are being made, but nothing can be finalized until we have all of the information.



The response from EMC insurance and Perfection Property Restoration has been impressive. Man power and equipment have been rolling into town over the last couple days, and they are getting right after it.



One of the early steps that has been taken is to get potentially salvageable spaces weather tight, dried out, and climate controlled to arrest any further damage. Once that happens, the assessment of the structure can take place. We ask the public for patience as we follow the proper steps, and as we follow the guidance from our insurance company.