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Dear families and community:

Unfortunately, the flooding situation in our main gym has not abated as of today. The insurance adjuster came in this afternoon and met with Mr. Kasper and Mr. Goad, and has informed us that we will not be able to have access to the main gym for the remainder of the school year. The flooding is being caused by groundwater "sub" that continues to rise, and the cleanup crews are pumping in order to make sure it doesn't overflow and cause more damage. The floor will have to be taken out. After the high water has subsided, which is historically in mid-May, the crews will bring in large heaters to speed up the drying in the gym, and the floor will be re-sealed and re-laid. Throughout this process, that area of the corridor will have to be secured, with no access for community, staff, and students.

We will have to re-locate all events that were originally scheduled for the main gym for the remainder of the school year, including all end of year activities--the play production, senior awards night, 8th grade continuation, all end of year assemblies, and sadly, the commencement ceremony honoring our 100th graduating class.

I am currently working with neighboring school districts, Dolores community resources, and Cortez community resources to relocate these events, and I will send out a schedule as soon as I am able. The insurance adjuster will be sending in a mold mitigation specialist to inspect the ducts in the affected classrooms. Once that is done, and we are assured that mold is not present in these rooms, classes can resume.

I will keep you posted on our rescheduling of events. Thank you for your patience.

Jen