

Questions from ATA Local 48 (#2) Catholic Schools Response - 4 September 2016

1. The ordered materials and resources are now arriving at schools -- Is there support for the unpacking and similar work to be done as teachers/secretaries are already trying to get other jobs done?

The schools are making their own arrangements to unpack and distribute the resources being received. In some schools many parents assisted in the unpacking and distribution. The return of instructional support staff on Friday will add resources for schools to help in this endeavour. Unfortunately, there are no additional resources from the District at this time.

2. There seems to be inconsistencies in the cleaning of classrooms/schools. Walls and teachers' desks have not been cleaned and the ceiling tiles have not been changed. If there are areas that have not been cleaned, who does the teacher bring this concern to?

It is possible that a few areas may have been missed in the restoration process. Teachers should inform their school administration.

Not all ceiling tiles had to be replaced depending on the extent of smoke damage. The replacement of tiles was based on tests conducted in individual schools.

3. How are health issues going to be addressed proactively going forward?

Any issues are to be reported to the School Principal.

4. Gift cards/money/valuable items were missing from teacher/admin desks. Is this being recorded, and how are those items claimed?

Staff should take note of these lost items. A survey will be sent to staff in mid-September to compile a list of valuables that may have gone missing. This will only occur in a few weeks once the first few weeks of schools are behind us. We do not know how this will be adjudicated by our insurance company.

5. OH & S questions will arise - how do we mitigate them for teachers and students?

We will continue to provide staff and parents as much information as possible on the conditions of our school. Testing results and/or occupancy certificates will be shared with staff and parents when they become available.

6. Are teachers on leave but still living in our community able to access mental health

supports?

Mental Health Services provided by Alberta Health Services are available to anyone in the community. The Employee Family Assistance Program provided by Borealis Counselling Services is available to all employees of the Fort McMurray Catholic Schools including those on approved leaves of absences.

7. There are lists of disposed items in every school. Do teachers have access to these lists and are they to go through them to identify their own personal resources/materials?

The e|djuster™ reports will be shared with staff in the Fall after we conduct an initial review with our Adjuster for accuracy and completeness. We expect the reports will be made available to staff in late September or early October to allow for a second and final review. Our priority at this time is to get our classrooms and schools ready for the new school year.

8. Not all ceiling tiles were replaced in some schools. Why?

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9. Teachers need clarification about the insurance process- what is being claimed by district? what should/can teachers claim?

Information on insurance is available in the following document posted on our District Web Site on the [Wildfire - Staff Information Page](#)

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