



# WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South  
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Dear Beecher Road Families:

This week of bitter cold has taxed our heating system. Greg Kula, our Facilities Director, has been working overtime repairing or replacing failed, outdated parts from very old heating units in several of the classrooms. The heating difficulties have three main causes: (1) the below zero temperatures that have been experienced as part of a polar vortex, (2) the aging heating delivery system, and, (3) the outdated insulation and envelope of the building.

During the past few days, it has been necessary to move an average of 2-3 classes, on any given day, to a warmer environment while repairs were being done. The Administrative Team and nursing office continue to monitor classroom conditions to assure the safety and comfort of your children – our primary concern.

The Town is currently considering the recommendation of the *Town BRS Building Committee* for a building upgrade, including an updated heating and cooling system. We expect more information on that topic shortly and will keep you informed.

The good news is that with the full support of the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen, three new high efficiency boilers were installed over the December vacation. If all goes well, the new boilers will begin running this Saturday, January 11. The new boilers, while a big help, cannot compensate for an outdated heating delivery system. Only a building upgrade can.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our Principal, Gina Prisco, or me.

Best wishes to you and your family for a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Gaeton F. Stella, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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