



**MILLER CITY – NEW CLEVELAND
HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear MC-NC Parents & Residents:
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July 17,

On Friday, June 29th, the Miller City - New Cleveland Local School District was hit with a massive storm system that produced severe winds in excess of 80 mph. As a result, many residents' homes and outlying buildings experienced significant damage as well as power outage for several days. As you may be aware, the Miller City – New Cleveland Local School building was also victimized by the high winds.

The following is a summarized list of the visible damages sustained by both the old and new buildings:

1. Roof and 1/3 of steel decking blew off new gym
2. Existing new gymnasium floor ruined due to water, humidity, etc.
3. Northwest wall of old gymnasium pushed off foundation one foot. Gym deemed structurally sound, however, despite damage.
4. Roof blew off over old home-ec room. Decking intact.
5. Roof blew off over VoAg shop area and 1/2 of the VoAg classroom. Decking intact.
6. Varsity baseball backstop fence collapsed due to collection of roof debris and high winds (Approximately 40' of fencing)
7. Roof over home team girls' softball dugout blew off.
8. Several shingles blew off shelter house next to varsity baseball diamond.
9. Varsity soccer field ticket booth overturned
10. Control panel (watt stopper) for new gym was short-circuited due to water infiltrating the air handlers. New control panel needed.
11. Holes and dents in areas of new building roof due to blowing and falling roof debris. Major area of concern is roof area in the high school wing of the building.
12. Bus #1 damage: broken windshield, right headlight, strobe light; right front and roof dented.

The following is a summarized list of the invisible or hidden damages that the building suffered in the storm:

1. Roof vents broken off new building. As a result, water entered new boilers and air handlers.



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2. Chillers malfunctioned in new building which led to no air conditioning in new building.
3. Insulation on ductwork for four air handlers in new building must be replaced due to threat of mold development.
4. Fire alarm and security alarms in need of repairs due to water damage.

As you can see, the biggest area of concern moving forward is the new school's roof damage and the necessity of the new gym floor replacement. At the time of this letter, progress has already been made in these two areas. Richland Roof Specialists out of Defiance, Ohio has completed several steps to bring the new gymnasium roof and the old building roof back to normal. Richland installed replacement steel decking and the rubber membrane making the new gymnasium watertight. Workers will be painting the installed steel decking white later this week to allow it to match the existing steel decking that was undamaged in the storm. The former gym floor was removed and hauled away on July 9th and 10th. The old building's damaged roof areas have been completely fixed. Richland placed a temporary roof over the old home-ec room (current Biomedical lab) and permanent roof over the shop and VoAg classroom. They also completed installation of new insulation and ceiling tile making these areas of the old building functional once again.

Now for the bad news. With the involvement of the school's insurance company, we are in a holding pattern for any further work being done. The insurance company is currently fielding bids for four areas of repair: 1) new gym floor; 2) new gym lighting; 3) Standing seam roofing over the damaged areas of the new building (high school wing); 4) Varsity baseball diamond fencing. Once the insurance company fields these bids, they will then choose a bid for each of the four areas and then in turn, inform the school of the money it will receive and who will be getting the contract for the four repair projects. Obviously, our highest priority is the new gym floor and lighting. With school and the fall athletic season fast approaching, we would like to be able to communicate an estimated timeline for resuming normal activities in the new gymnasium. Right now, the only assumption that can be made is that physical education courses, school assemblies, and fall athletic events and open gyms will be held in the old gymnasium for several weeks. Once things become settled with the insurance company, which should happen within a week, we may be able to establish a timeframe for resuming new gym activities.

Despite all this, school will begin on August 21 as scheduled. Normal classroom activities, despite the interior and exterior future work necessary, will not be affected by storm's damage to the school.



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It is also necessary to mention the aftermath of the storm and how the Miller City - New Cleveland school district showed once again why it is special. First, Mr. Kreinbrink did an amazing job in the hours after the storm. He contacted several businesses and individuals to get them on-site the next morning. Architect Kraig Beilharz, Richland Roof Specialists, Butler Building, Service Master Cleaning & Repair & Disaster Restoration, and Fitzenrider Metal Fabricators all were at the school the very next day and working to help begin the restoration process. Mr. Kreinbrink's leadership and organizational skills once again shone through and the fact that so much has already been done to restore the building back to normal is a credit to him. Next, we want to thank everyone from the community who came to the school on that Saturday to help clean up the overwhelming mess in the east parking lot left by the storm. Several parents, students, and faculty spent a large portion of their afternoon picking up thousands of pieces of debris in 93 degree heat. By the time the job was finished around 4pm that afternoon, the east lot was barren of any further debris.

In closing on behalf of everyone at Miller City - New Cleveland Local School, I would also like to express concern for those in the community and surrounding areas who suffered private and personal property damage. Through perseverance, faith, and cooperation those who were most affected by the storm are working through and will work through these tough days. I can assure you that the Miller City - New Cleveland Local School will assist in any way it can.

Respectfully,

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