



Provost Public School classes to move to modulars

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Provost Public School will be in modular classrooms for the remainder of 2023 to allow the school to be fully remediated after experiencing fire and smoke damage.

Buffalo Trail Public Schools would like to thank the Provost Public School staff, families and community for their understanding and patience as we continue our work to bring Provost School to the safe learning environment needed for staff and students.

Following the fire incident in the Provost School CTS shop area, the school experienced smoke damage. As part of this work, we have been coordinating with our insurance provider and remediation specialist to clean all areas of the school needed. The plan was to have our staff and students back in Provost Public School in early to mid-November.

During the work being done to clean areas of the school impacted by the smoke damage, in the older area of our school, the remediation specialist identified a need to also remediate asbestos found in the area between the ceiling and roof.

Asbestos does not normally pose a risk to the health and safety of staff and students if it is not disturbed and was a common building material prior to 1990. As the work being done to address the smoke damage requires the specialist to remove the asbestos, there are added considerations that will impact completion of the remediation.

We would like to confirm that the health and safety of students and staff is our first priority.

Given the complexities of the work needed, our insurance provider has supported us to bring in modular units to provide temporary accommodation for learning. This will ensure the learning can continue with students in the best environment possible. Starting **Monday, November 13**,

we will move on-line learners and classes to the modular classrooms to be located on-site at Provost Public School. We expect this will be needed for the months of November and December.

We would like to thank the Town of Provost for their support in providing temporary accommodations.

“Since the fire incident at the school, I have a deep feeling of gratitude for the work being done by our school staff, custodial staff, and facilities staff. Their efforts have been fantastic, and it is through their efforts that have allowed the project to continue in the best way possible.”

- Superintendent, Michelle Webb