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Good morning,

Chief Breen and I were able to inspect the Winter Hill School, located at 115 Sycamore St., today between the approximate times of 6:30am and 8:30am. The areas of inspection consisted of the kitchen prep and cafeteria, the three stairwells; North – near the playground, Middle – near the office and South – near the kitchen, and general egress paths while going between locations.

The kitchen and cafeteria area inspection showed no signs of structural deterioration. The space heater above the loading dock door was removed and an alternative for the bubble wrap around the junction boxes on the hoods will need to be found. Other than the two items mentioned there were no observable safety concerns or violations. The kitchen and cafeteria area can be used as they normally would be.

The South and Middle stairwells are able to be used. With the help of the SFD we were able to view above all the ceilings in both stairwells. The anchors holding the ceiling grid in place showed no visible signs of deterioration or structural compromise. The observed conditions show no signs of eminent structural failure. The ceiling tiles are being left open in these locations to allow for further inspection to allow for a more informed preventative maintenance plan. The South and Middle stairwells are able to be used as egress paths for the building.

The North stairwell was inspected. While there does not appear to be any additional immediate safety issues, there does appear to be an active leak that could potentially create a safety issue during a rain event. The North stairwell is required to remain closed until the leak and ceiling grid are addressed.

Due to the limited means of egress the Winter Hill School will not be able to have students occupy the building until the North stairwell can be activated. School and City staff are able to enter the school and perform tasks as they regularly would with the North stairwell being out of service. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
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