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Elwin Leroux
Executive Director
Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Dear Mr. Leroux:

Re: Schools with no power

This morning, I heard from members that staff and students at approximately 20 schools within HRM arrived to find their classrooms without any power. This poses a number of significant safety concerns, including but not limited to a lack of lights, heat, and air exchange systems.

Many families who live in these communities woke up without power at home, but received no communication from HRCE regarding school plans. Seeing as we are in the depths of both winter and a global pandemic, I am sure you can appreciate that this was a particularly stressful situation for both staff and students to navigate, especially since 15 of the schools ended up being closed for the remainder of the day by 10:30 a.m.

I would appreciate an explanation as to why classes simply were not cancelled for the day, as they normally are, and why staff, students and their families were subjected to such a chaotic experience today. I would also like to discuss how we can ensure this doesn't happen again.

I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



Jason MacLean
President

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