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Subject: Gilbert Ave Incident

As you may be aware, during morning drop-off, at approximately 8:45 AM, the district was alerted to the smell of natural gas in and around the property of Gilbert School. With the assistance from both EPFD and EPPD all students and personnel were evacuated or rerouted to Elmwood Park Memorial High School by 8:55 AM.

PSE&G was contacted and determined that the smell of natural gas was originating outside of the school building. As of 10:40 AM, the issue was fixed, and students and staff are cleared to return to Gilbert School.

The students of Gilbert School have been participating in academic activities in the safety of Elmwood Park High School. Lunch is expected to occur at 11:40 AM and we will begin the process of returning to Gilbert School around 12:30 PM where the remainder of the school day will proceed as scheduled. **Student dismissal will be at our normal time of 3:15 PM.**

We understand that you may be anxious to retrieve your child, please be assured that this is not necessary. **We are specifically requesting that Parents/Guardians refrain from coming to the High School**. This will prevent unnecessary complications while we undergo the process of a safe return to Gilbert School. We expect the return to Gilbert School to be complete by 1:30 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation. If additional information becomes available, we will keep you up to date.

Sincerely,

Anthony Iachetti

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