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Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Closed

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines is closed to all activities including regular classes, and community activities.

District School Board of Niagara officials continue to keep a close watch on schools with asbestos-containing materials to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. As a result of an asbestos survey undertaken to comply with the new Ontario Regulations, the DSBN has become aware of the presence of some asbestos within certain wall cavities at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. The Board will be working with the Ministry of Labour and an environmental consultant in undertaking monitoring and abatement procedures. The DSBN has closed the school to all regular activities until this work is completed. It is estimated that this work will take four days to complete and the school will reopen on Tuesday, December 12.

“I am pleased with the response and prompt actions of the Plant Services staff in this unforeseen occurrence,” said Michael Langlois, DSBN Health and Safety Officer. “I am confident that the health and safety of students and staff has not been compromised.”

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