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Sir Winston Churchill Update

Officials from the District School Board of Niagara met today with representatives of the Ministry of Labour and the Region of Niagara Public Health Department regarding the monitoring and abatement procedures for Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. An action plan has been agreed upon by all parties and endorsed by the CUPE and OSSTF representatives on the DSBN's Multi-Workplace Joint Health and Safety Committee.

"The safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to us," said Michael Simpson, Principal of Sir Winston. "While the school is closed, students can take the opportunity to complete assignments and homework. Our teachers will ensure that our students cover the required curriculum before the end of the term."

"I have been very pleased with the co-operation of all parties involved in today's meeting," said Michael Langlois, DSBN Health and Safety Officer. "We have developed a plan that not only meets our obligations under Ontario regulations but is respectful to the students and staff of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Abatement procedures have been scheduled to have a minimal impact on the school."

The work will begin today and it is still expected that the school will be ready to reopen to classes and regular activities on Tuesday, December 12. Further updates will be posted on the District School Board of Niagara website at: www.dsbni.edu.on.ca.

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