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## JOINT STATEMENT FROM WELLINGTON NORTH FIRE SERVICES & WELLINGTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING THE FIRE AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN MOUNT FOREST.

Mt.Forest, ON – Around 6:15am on Thursday, January 25, 2024, WNFS responded to a report of a structure fire on Parkside Drive in Mount Forest. Upon arrival there was flames visible coming through the roof of St. Mary Catholic Elementary School.

There were no occupants in the building at the time of the fire, and there are no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters on scene. The origin and cause of the fire is not yet determined. The fire is not considered suspicious. The damage estimate is unavailable at this time.

Wellington Catholic District School Board Officials are currently working with local emergency services and authorities to assess the scope of the damage.

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is developing a temporary accommodation plan to support the continuity of learning for students. WCDSB Officials will continue to provide updates to school families on the situation when available.

Friday, January 26th is scheduled as a professional development day across elementary schools in the Wellington Catholic District School Board and there will be no school for students tomorrow.

WCDSB Officials are grateful for the efforts of our local fire department for their immediate response this morning in attending to this issue.

WNFS would like to thank WCDSB Officials for their prompt collaboration and kindness to our firefighters.

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