



Amy Smith, Superintendent

May 1, 2023

Dr. Jason Glass
Commissioner of Education
300 Sower Blvd, 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner,

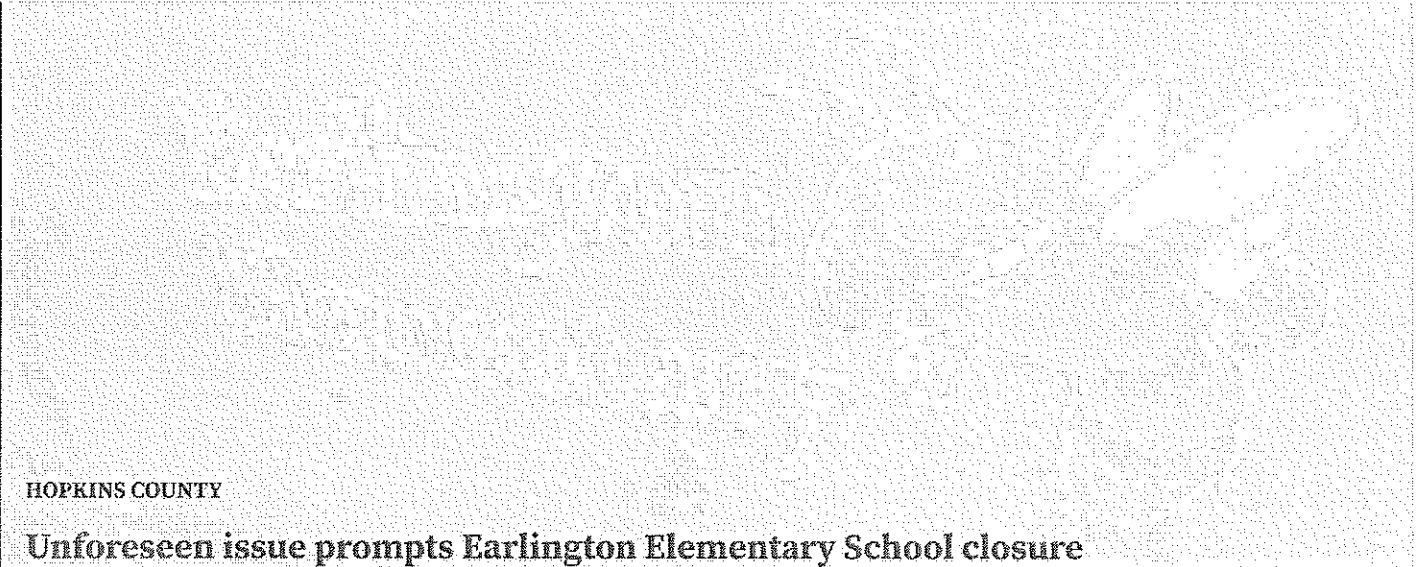
The Hopkins County Schools Board of Education would like to request a School Emergency Day Waiver for Earlington Elementary School for Friday, April 14, 2023 due to an unforeseen water issue with the City of Earlington that resulted in water being shut off to the Earlington Elementary School. Allowing students to attend school in these conditions without access to sanitary water would have been a health risk. Attached you will find an article from a local news station and a letter from the City of Earlington Mayor, Albert Jackson, explaining the incident. We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you need additional information or if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Shannon Embry
Hopkins County Schools, Board of Education Chairperson

Amy Smith
Hopkins County Schools, Superintendent

Enclosures



HOPKINS COUNTY

Unforeseen issue prompts Earlington Elementary School closure

(Courtesy: Earlington Elementary School)

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HENDERSON, Ky. (WEHT) — Many kids will probably be excited by this news, but parents might not be. The Hopkins County Schools posted on social media Thursday night confirming one of their elementary schools will be closed on Friday.

“Due to an unforeseen water issue with the City of Earlington, there will be no school for Earlington Elementary School tomorrow, April 14, 2023,” said the school district on Facebook.

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Hopkins County Schools stress that this cancelation is only for Earlington Elementary; all other schools will be on their normal schedule.

The school district did not go into further detail on what the water issue is, but Eyewitness News is working on finding out more information.

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April 21, 2023

April Devine
Director of Pupil Personnel
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Dear Ms. Devine:

Information leading to why the school was out of session on April 14th. On the 13th the Superintendent was notified of low water pressure at the school. After testing PSI on the surrounding Hydrants(50/78psi) and checking all gate valves(open), he couldn't find an explanation of the cause. The school read 70 PSI and after running everything including flushing all toilets at once drops the pressure to 10 PSI but no negative back pressure was experienced. During the Spring break we put in a new service line to remove anything that may have copper or lead heading to the school with a 1" PolyFlex line. The next step was to pull the guts out of the top of the meter to check the screen and was cleared. After turning on the new service line and the water move up and over the meter box but didn't have much force. My best guess, is that no matter that a one inch could supply the school with the static pressure, but couldn't supply it with volume during high demand usage. Which was an engineer flaw on the S. Atkinson project that took place during the spring break. I had our Superintendent to get 300' of 2" PolyFlex line along with saddle to tap of the main and run around the parking lot to the meter. Total length of the service line 240'. After reviewing everything with the engineer on the project that an increase from 1" to a 2" line will increase the volume of water roughly 3 times but the static pressure will stay the same. Since this is a single service line, no negative back pressure and that does not affect any other service line, there was no BWA issue by the City. Just noticed of low water pressure to the school, especially during the lunch hour of the day. I was made aware of the issue on the 13th after the Public Works Superintendent notify me of what was going on. School maintenance works couldn't figure out anything inside the building to cause this. Which lead me to think about the new service line that was put in during the school break. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any question. The 2" Polyflex line was put in Saturday 15th and between the Superintendent and the school Maintenance staff that there's enough volume to operate the school as a whole during anytime of operations. Sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused.

Albert I. Jackson, Mayor

4/21/23

Date