



Clay Academy closed due to burst pipe, flooding

Clay Academy was closed Thursday after staff discovered that a pipe had burst in a first-floor classroom causing flooding throughout the building.

A valve on a ceiling pipe apparently burst overnight, and water was shut off this morning as flooding cleanup began immediately. Staff said it does not appear that the incident was weather related, rather the result of the defective valve.

Parents were notified through email and phone messages around 7:20 a.m. and will be updated on any progress.

The valve was repaired and the water was turned back on around 9 a.m. Staff want to be certain the school is clean and safe before making a decision on whether to resume classes Friday, but they are optimistic.

Damage is being assessed, but it appears that some ceiling tiles, classroom supplies and carpeting are among the most damaged items.

Clay Academy, one of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200's oldest buildings, is a therapeutic day school where 85 students with emotional and behavioral needs from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade receive instruction.

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