

# Banks Elementary School

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Good Afternoon Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very busy and exciting first week of school! I hope you are all well and managing to stay cool with the high temperatures we are currently experiencing.

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding our school's fire suppression system.

## **Fire Suppression System Update**

In late July, I met with key staff from TUSD Operations to inspect our school's water tower, the adjacent water pump shed, and our fire alarm panel. It was determined that the fire suppression system is inadequate. The system is twenty-five years old, and replacement parts are no longer available.

The TUSD Projects Department is currently submitting a request for funding to the state School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) to replace this antiquated equipment. Due to the safety issues involved, the district is asking the SFOB to move quickly on the funding and construction.

## **Safety Measures in Place**

In the meantime, the district has contracted with an outside agency to provide a fire watch team. Their sole job is to monitor the school for any fire risks while students and staff are in the building. This measure is being taken out of an abundance of caution to ensure a safe learning environment.

I want to assure you that the school building itself is well-constructed and built to withstand fire and other adverse conditions. We will continue to keep you updated as the process moves forward.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

William Rosenberg

Principal

Banks Elementary School