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Ute Pass Elementary Closed, Crews Removing Excessive Water from Inside

Cascade, CO - It was noticed early this morning that water from recent storms started pooling in rooms at Ute Pass Elementary School (UPES). Our Building Engineer noticed excessive water located in a storage closet, one classroom, and a hallway.

We decided to close UPES for the day to ensure staff and student safety and so that the district's Building and Grounds crew is able to work to mitigate the water in the building through extraction and use fans to dry out the carpets.

We hope to resolve the issue today and resume school tomorrow, Friday, May 12th. We will be sending out notification to update families and staff later today.

ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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