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Commissioner releases statement regarding closing of Ella T. Grasso Southeastern Technical High School

The State Department of Education today announced the closing of Ella T. Grasso Southeastern Technical High School in Groton to conduct air quality testing because of mold exposure in the building. The school will remain closed through Monday, December 18, according to school officials.

“We want to make sure our students are safe and closing the school is necessary to ensure air quality levels are acceptable to students and staff,” said George A. Coleman, interim commissioner of education. This process will require testing throughout the school including air quality testing and the opening of ceilings to locate sources of leaks.

The State Department of Education will work closely with school officials in the event alternative plans need to be made should the school need to be closed for a longer period. “At this point it’s a wait-and-see situation,” Coleman said. “We want to make certain the environment is safe for everyone. We will do everything we can to reconnect students to their daily curriculum as soon as possible.”

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