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*Onslow County Schools, September 20, 2018* — District staff have completed damage assessments from Hurricane Florence and the process of recovery and restoration has begun. Earlier today, OCS building-level administrators were briefed on the extent of the impacts and condition of sites across the district. Superintendent Stout met individually with members of the Onslow County Board of Education and provided them with updates, as well.

The enormity of this disaster, and the impact on OCS, cannot be understated. Issues range from structural damage resulting in flooding inside buildings, to loss of outside walkway coverings, and collapsed ceiling tiles. Additionally, many of the districts' mobile units have been damaged and are completely unusable. OCS is working closely with our insurance providers to begin the process of getting our schools back online. Contractors have been procured and are already working at different sites around the district, focusing on the most damaged sites first.

As we have said previously, the road to recovery from this storm will be a long one, but as a school community we will continue to do what is necessary to assist our students, staff and parents and get back on our feet.

In the continued interest of safety for our students and staff, OCS announces the following closure information for the week of September 24, 2018:

- **There will be no school for students from Monday, September 24 through Friday, September 28, 2018.** All after school activities will be cancelled for the same period. OCS Before and After Care will also be closed during this time.
- **Unless notified by their supervisor, OCS staff will not work on Monday, September 24 through Friday, September 28, 2018.**

We hope everyone will stay safe as we continue the process of recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Should any further announcements be necessary, notifications will be sent via our alert system. We will also notify the media, post the information on our district web page, [www.onslow.k12.nc.us](http://www.onslow.k12.nc.us) and share any updates on our social media sites.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students, staff and community safe.

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