

SLPS Statement

May 18, 2025



SLPS Response to Severe Weather Conditions

This document summarizes Saint Louis Public Schools' (SLPS) assessment of damage and impacts following the severe weather in the City of St. Louis on May 16, 2025, and outlines the actions taken and to be taken by SLPS in response to address ongoing SLPS operational needs within the community.

I. Results of SLPS' Assessment

Across the district, our assessment has revealed impacts including roof damage, water damage, broken windows, and a variety of other issues, such as trees down and other roadblocks.

Our primary goal now that the assessment is complete is to respond to each identified need and ensure we maintain as many standard operational activities as possible. Our plans and responses in these areas follow.

II. SLPS' Response

SLPS has initiated the following actions to address the impacts of the severe weather and maintain operational continuity:

Transportation Challenges: The most important issue at the moment is that our transportation providers have informed us that they will not be able to provide transportation, as the bus depot has been impacted.

Transportation will remain a challenge due to downed powerlines, trees, and other debris obstructing roadways. This will impact bus routes and students walking to school. Transportation delays will likely occur because of downed powerlines.

Restoration Efforts: Contractors have been working throughout the weekend to conduct restoration activities, including repairing windows and cleaning up debris at impacted school sites.

Power Restoration: Contact has been made with Ameren, the local power company. Firm dates and times for the restoration of power to all affected schools is currently unknown, but given the extent of damage throughout the city, may take some time to determine.

Food Services: Chartwell, the district's food service provider, will provide a sack breakfast/lunch in consideration of power outages and other related issues. Students will be served breakfast at open school sites between 7-10:00 a.m., and lunch between 10:50 a.m. through 1:45 p.m. May 19 through May 22, the last day of school.

School Rerouting: Students may be rerouted from **impacted** schools currently without power to other SLPS schools that were unaffected by the storm and remain open. Parents are being informed of this information today to allow them to make the best decision for their families during ongoing recovery efforts. **Our transportation providers have informed us that they will not be able to provide transportation as the bus depot has been impacted.**

School	Receiving School	Receiving School Address
Dewey	Gateway Complex	#2 Gateway Drive, 63106
Hamilton	Adams Elementary	1311 Tower Grove Ave., 63110
Soldan	Gateway STEM	5101 McCree Ave, 63110
Washington Montessori	Walbridge	5000 Davison Ave., 63120
Pamoja	Humboldt	2516 S. 9 th Street, 63104
Sumner	Clyde C. Miller	1000 N. Grand Blvd., 63106
Bryan Hill	Herzog	5831 Pamplin Ave. 63147
Hickey	Lexington	5030 Lexington Ave., 63115
Ashland	Ames VPA	2900 Hadley Street, 63107
Blewett	Vashon	3035 Cass Ave., 63106
Yeatman	Vashon	3035 Cass Ave., 63106
Columbia	Jefferson	1301 Hogan Street, 63106

High School Final Exams: For this week's high school final exam schedule, SLPS will offer flexibility to ensure students' grades are not negatively impacted. This may include freezing grades and providing opportunities for students who rely on final exams to either take the exam at a later date or complete alternative assignments. The goal is to provide flexibility for all involved without creating additional burdens.

Vashon High School Graduation: Vashon High School will host a second graduation ceremony on May 22nd for students impacted by the tornado who were unable to attend the ceremony on May 17th.

School Phone Access: School phone lines at schools without power have been rerouted to ensure communication will be available when families call.

Community Outreach Fair: To address the potential needs of our families, SLPS will conduct an **After the Storm Community Outreach Fair** on **Monday, May 19, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the SLPS Central Office, located at 801 N. 11th Street. The Student Support Services Department will offer a variety of resources, including consultations from district departments and community referrals, as well as hygiene supplies, socks, underwear, and sack lunches. The Little Bit Foundation will also be present to provide additional hygiene items, water, and take orders for clothing and shoes.

Supporting the SLPS Community: For those in the community who wish to offer support to Saint Louis Public Schools and its students and families during this time, we welcome and encourage you to reach out to support any of the local organizations that are provided as resources to the community and mentioned in the resource document separately provided to staff and the community. Your support through these established partners can make a significant difference in our recovery efforts.