

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

**Agenda Item:** NMHS Gymnasium Update

**Item Type:** Report

**Administrator:** Bret Champion, Ron Havniear

**Objective:** Provide the Board and community with an update on the NMHS gym roof

collapse and next steps

**Background:** As a result of the recent snowfall in the Rogue Valley, a crack was discovered in one of the glulam beams in the North gym on Friday afternoon, February 7. The gym was immediately evacuated and secured. MSD Facility crews, Medford Fire, the City of Medford, an architect team, and engineers responded quickly to reduce the snow load on the roof. Athletic practices and PE classes were relocated to other facilities.

On Tuesday morning, February 11, several beams broke under the weight of the snow, triggering an emergency response. The collapse broke the wire of the Emergency Response Button (ERB) system and automatically triggered a campus-wide lockdown. There was no actual threat to North students and staff, and the lockdown was lifted shortly after.

At 10:47 a.m. on the same morning, the gym roof collapsed completely. Emergency services responded immediately. All staff on site were accounted for and confirmed safe. Due to the closure of the school cafeteria, and out of an abundance of caution until all sites could be assessed, students were released early that day. After assessing the area, it was determined safe for students and staff to continue with school on Thursday.

The gym remains isolated from the rest of campus, and demolition began the week of March 10.

At this meeting, staff will provide an update on where we are on the road to recovery and in our effort to rebuild the gym.

Additional Materials: N/A

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Suggested Motion:** N/A