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Fire Damages Building at Local High School

Kent, Wash. - August 3, 2015- A fire that started on the outside of a building at Kent Meridian High School (10020 SE 256 Street) has caused considerable damage, but did not result in any injuries.

The fire, which was first reported at 4:23 pm, started on the west side of the building where tall shrubs burned, allowing the fire to get into the small attic space of the single-story, flat-roofed building. The fire also broke out the windows on the west side resulting in a small amount of fire and smoke damage on the interior.

Most of the fire that the firefighters from the Kent Fire Department RFA, Renton Fire, and the Tukwila Fire Department found was in the two-foot deep attic. The fire required firefighters to cut back large sections of the roof to reach all of the fire and ensure it was extinguished. Crews were rotated regularly due to the heat.

Fortunately the fire took place during the summer break period so that there only a few students on the KM campus. No one was apparently in the building that was damaged by the fire.

The fire is currently under investigation.

In addition to the fire departments, support and rehabilitation was provided by King County Medic One and the Zone 3 Fire Explorers.

Please contact the Kent School District for information on a damage estimate and whether the building will be ready for the first day of school.

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