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Middle school flood cancels Salina School

SALINA - Middle school students will get their education this week at First Baptist Church.

Classes were cancelled today because of the ice/snow storm over the weekend, and classes were cancelled tomorrow (Feb. 2) because of flooding in almost every room at the middle school.

Vivian Hair showed up for work at 7 a.m. Monday (Feb. 1) and when she went to open the door and look inside she thought the floors sure looked shiny for not being buffed.

Then Hair opened the door and water

started gushing out.

"We had about three inches to four inches of water in all but two rooms that were farthest away from the art room where a pipe had come loose from a faucet under a sink some time over the weekend," said Superintendent Tony Thomas.

Thomas said the water was as high as five inches in some of the classrooms.

TRC Disaster Solutions of Tulsa was contacted to help with repairs, and Thomas and some teachers teamed-up with custodians and school maintenance

personnel to "squeegee, broom, shop-vac water out of the building," said Thomas.

Thomas said water damaged some power cords and other electrical works on the floor.

The middle school consists of 11 classrooms, library, office and lounge.

Salina has approximately 185 students in the sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade, combined, and those students will be going to classes Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Feb. 3-5) at First Baptist Church.