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Sent via email: lhoang2@bostonpublicschools.org

Re: Tree Inspection Muriel Sutherland Snowden International School

Good day Lisa,

On August 9th 2022, Joe Cotell, Project Manager for F&L Landscaping did an on-site visual inspection of the trees located at the front entrance of the Snowden School (Dartmouth Street, Boston Proper).

During this inspection, he saw signs of damage to the root system. It looked as though rats were burrowing into and munching on the roots of the trees (see picture with white circles). This is causing damage to the trees by weakening the root system.

Damage to the root system, which anchors the trees, may cause the tree to become a hazard. Weakening a tree from the bottom may cause it to become top heavy making it more susceptible to topple from weight such as snow or ice or people leaning on it or from high winds.

F&L Landscaping would recommend removing the existing trees. As you can see in the attached photos one of the trees is damaged on top also. Any new trees should be planted with an Xcluder rat preventor barrier around the top of the root ball to prevent rats from burrowing into the root system.

I hope this answers all your questions. Let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Sullivan
President

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