

## Urbana School District 116

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### **Urbana High School Auditorium Damaged *No Injuries, Auditorium Closed to Public***

Urbana High School's auditorium is closed to students and the public today as school officials investigate what caused part of the plaster ceiling underneath the balcony to give way and fall to the ground. There was **no one** in the auditorium and there were **no injuries**. The room was cleaned last night (Thursday) with no problem. UHS workers found the damage this morning before school started.

The auditorium is currently closed to students and the public as architects inspect the damage. The school is holding classes as normal today. "The school building itself is safe," says Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities Services. The ceiling in the auditorium was inspected a few years ago and **does not contain asbestos**. Dossett says structural engineers are determining the cause of the damage. The auditorium is located in the 1914 wing of the school.

The auditorium is not usable and Dossett says he does not know when the repairs can be completed. This is causing the High School to scramble to find a place to rehearse and perform the spring musical *All Shook Up*. The musical is scheduled to open next week.

Media wishing to cover this event should contact Mark Schultz at 384-3650.

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