

Massachusetts City in state of emergency after “catastrophic flooding” Monday night

Leominster, Massachusetts has declared a state of emergency after “catastrophic flooding” hit the area late Monday evening. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency issued an evacuation alert for areas near the “Barrett Park Pond Dam”.

“Due to a potential issue at the Barrett Park Pond Dam, persons in low-lying areas of the Fall Brook tributary to Fall Brook along Central St, Fall Brook & the North Nashua River, should evacuate & safely leave the area. Shelter is available at Skyview Middle School.”



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency photo.

Governor Maura Healey issued a statement on the state of

emergency,

"My heart goes out to residents and public safety officials in Leominster and other communities experiencing catastrophic flooding tonight. I've spoken with Mayor Mazzarella, and @MassEMA, @MassStatePolice, and @MassDFS are on the ground with boat rescue and emergency response teams doing everything they can to keep people safe."

The Superintendent of Leominster Public Schools cancelled school amidst the flooding,

"Good evening, Due to the extensive flooding from today's storm, the Leominster Public Schools will be closed on Tuesday, September 12th. Please stay safe."

Respectfully

Paula Deacon, Superintendent"



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