CECILIA, La. (AP) - A fire of unknown origin broke out in Cecilia High School on Saturday, threatening to destroy the three-story brick classroom building. There were no reports of injury.

Fire units from at least five surrounding communities answered the alarm, but principal Allen J. Stelly feared the building would be a total loss. "It's hard to tell," Stelly said from the scene. "We don't see much flame, there is mostly smoke coming from the second and third floors."

He said firefighters were outside the building, directing streams of water on the fire. Mrs. Peter Palin, who lives across the street, said her grandson Piazza discovered the fire when a window shattered.

The high school serves grades nine through 12, and the classroom building also houses administration offices and a library, Stelly said. Auxiliary buildings house the band room, science and reading labs, as well as the gymnasium, vocational arts, and cafeteria, he said. "The building was very old, but it was renovated four or five years ago," said Alton Landry, a former police officer who lives a block from the school.

He said he heard the fire engines around 11 a.m., went outside, and saw smoke pouring from the building. "It must have started in the north end, because there was more smoke coming out there," he said.

Stelly said there was no contingency plan and did not know how the school would continue operations. "As of now, I would say there is no school Monday," he said.