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From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The new school year has started, back-to-school nights are behind us, and the air is a bit cooler. Does that mean the thought of snow cannot be far behind? When we share snow day alerts and other emergency notifications with you, we understand how important these communications are.

The District has been using Honeywell Instant Alert as our emergency notification system for the past six years. While it has served our needs to date, it hasn't had the level of functionality we think it should have in the year 2016. As such, we will be migrating to a new emergency notification system called *School Messenger*. Because of all of the details that need to be addressed behind the scenes, this migration will take place a little over a month from now on November 4.

In the meantime, what does this mean for our parents/guardians? It means you don't have to do anything right now. In the case of an emergency, we will contact you via Honeywell as we have done in the past. On October 11, our Technology Director, Mark Finlayson, will e-mail directions to you detailing how to customize the *School Messenger* system to best meet your needs. On October 22, we'll send a "test message" to confirm that everything is working as it should before our "go live" date of November 4.

Based on references from other school districts currently using *School Messenger*, we are confident that this migration will enhance our level of communications with you.

Best regards,

Lisa A. Palmer, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

P.S. Please be on the lookout for Mark Finlayson's e-mail on October 11th.