

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
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ALERTNOW RAPID COMMUNICATION SERVICE

Notice to Parents/Guardians:

The development of a systematic method for communication to our families is an important goal for all of our schools. This is especially true in urgent situations. AlertNow is a rapid communication system, which can deliver thousands of voice and text messages to telephones, mobile phones, and computers within minutes.

- AlertNow enables authorized school personnel to send voice and/or email messages to parents and emergency contacts in the case of emergency school closings and other urgent situations automatically and within minutes.
- AlertNow allows authorized school personnel to be in touch with families in situations such as cancellations and early school dismissals due to weather, school-wide emergencies, and other events when quick and timely communication is necessary.
- AlertNow allows efficient family notification thereby making staff resources available to address individual student needs much more effectively.

The successful implementation of AlertNow is dependent upon accurate emergency contact information for your child. Each school has been busy updating your child's emergency contact information for school year 2008/09. Please be sure to contact the school should this information change throughout the year.

A test of AlertNow using your primary and emergency contacts will be performed on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact your child's school if you did not receive the expected test message.

Effective and efficient communication to our families is very important, especially in urgent situations. The AlertNow notification system allows us to be in touch with families when quick and timely communication is necessary. As always, our primary responsibility is to provide a safe, secure, and productive learning environment for the children of Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Caron'.

Kim M. Caron
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