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To: Board of Education Members
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This summer, we replaced our staff and parent notification system. SchoolMessenger builds relationships among students, the school staff, and parents that are essential to student success. Good relationships are created and maintained by good communication. SchoolMessenger is an essential tool to increase efficiency, so that parents, staff, and students feel well informed and connected.

The system will be used for much more than emergency notification such as weather alerts. Since messages can be sent via phone, text, or email, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Lind will use SchoolMessenger to send their Friday newsletters. Parents of specific grade levels may be contacted via SchoolMessenger if a program is cancelled. Parents of athletes may be informed of a game location change if it occurs at the last minute.

SchoolMessenger works seamlessly with our student information system, PowerSchool. If there are ever changes in your contact information, please make sure to notify the school so that communication between home and school is not hindered or delayed.