

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Willington Public Schools will continue to use the SchoolMessenger notification service for the 2008/2009 school year.

SchoolMessenger is a notification service that will simultaneously call the parent/guardian contacts and first emergency contact for each student with a recorded message to notify you of emergency dismissals due to weather or other events. The automated service will complete all calls and provide our schools with a report on the status of those calls.

If you have caller I.D., Town of Willington will be displayed as the originator of the call. SchoolMessenger cannot leave a message at a business phone or on a cell phone that has prompts (i.e., press 1 to leave a message). **Also, please inform the people you have listed as your child's emergency contacts that they may receive this automated call.**

If you need to make alternate transportation arrangements for your child due to the closing, you will be able to leave a message at the end of the same call thereby eliminating your need to call the school directly. **Please only leave a message if it pertains to your child's transportation due to the closing.**

In the future, we plan on using the service for other announcements such as reminders about field trips, minimum days and important meetings. It will also provide us with the ability to survey you about issues and events in the school, place attendance reminder calls for absent students and make other automated calls.

Sincerely,

David Harding
Superintendent