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Dear Parents and Guardians-

In an effort to notify you of school cancellations or delays due to poor weather conditions or other emergency situations, we have decided to subscribe to an electronic notification service called ALERTNOW which will allow us to send a telephone message to your land-line or cell phone in a timely and accurate manner. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone. In the future, individual schools can use this service to remind you about various school based events. Please note- School delays and cancellations will continue to be posted through the Vermont Broadcasters Association.

Messages will not be sent after 9:00PM or before 5:00AM. There are many features to ALERTNOW including;

1. Caller ID will display the school's main number when general announcements are delivered.
2. Caller ID will display 411 if the message is an emergency.
3. ALERTNOW will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail.
4. If the ALERTNOW message stops playing, all you have to do is press 1 and the message will replay from the beginning.

I am very excited to incorporate ALERTNOW as a tool to improve parent/guardian communication and we look forward to having the ability to deliver real time information to you and provide awareness of all the great events that take place within the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union and our local schools.

We plan on testing ALERTNOW on March 4. If we don't experience any major problems, we plan to go live with this service on March 8, 2010.

Best Regards-

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