

Information Sources in the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

The Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools transmit information to our families and community in many different ways. Here's a summary of what, when and where to find information on the district and schools.

Focus on Education

Focus on Education is a publication of the Region 18 Board of Education, guided by the Board's Communications Committee. The publication is intended to update the general public on developments and accomplishments within the school district. It is published and mailed to residents three times per year.

District Website

The district website can be found at www.region18.org. The website is a comprehensive storehouse of information. Each school features its own linked page. Among the vast array of resources is a complete set of Board of Education policies. You can find many useful documents and contacts. The website contains information essential to families and also of interest to the community at large and beyond.

News Archives on Website

The district website also features a front page section with special news items and notices. Brief articles are written and posted as news and events occur. We encourage all to skim the articles for items of interest.

Blackboard Connect Alert System

The Blackboard Connect Alert System is used to send out emergency or outreach messages that are deemed to be important or urgent enough to require immediate contact. All district and school administrators have authorized codes that allow them to send out general or select group messages via phone and/or email contact. The system is most frequently used for weather events but can and has been used for other matters. In consideration of families, the system is judiciously used and routine communications are forwarded through other less intrusive systems.

E-Notify

The district maintains a voluntary directory for email notifications from a variety of district related student and parent groups. Parents voluntarily go to the district's website (<http://www.region18.org/page.cfm?p=1250>) and sign up for those groups they wish to receive notices from. Notices are processed through Jeanne DeLaura, the district's webmaster. The system is not open to outside organizations or individuals wishing to send messages.

School Electronic Newsletters

Each school publishes and sends electronic newsletters to families of their students. The schedule and content of these newsletters is determined by the building administration.

Traditional Mailings

The benefits of electronic communications have so outweighed those of traditional mailings that this mode of communication is relatively infrequent. You will occasionally receive communications from the school or district via U.S. Mail but should know that because of environmental concerns and high costs of preparation and postage, mailings are done selectively.

Community Based Flyers

The District website hosts a web page (<http://www.region18.org/page.cfm?p=2166>) that connects viewers to flyers and notices from non-profit groups who sponsor activities that serve youth or have bona fide connection to the educational community.