

November 1, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

**CONNECT is our automated emergency notification system.**

CONNECT notifications are made for weather delays/cancellations and emergencies. We will only notify individuals who have opted into our system for text, email or voice messages.

In the past, we used the "Robo Call" feature to contact parents in the event of an emergency. Our current use has problems that include outdated numbers, calling multiple numbers that include parent work numbers, and the exclusion of others (ie. students, caregivers, etc...).

There are several benefits to our new CONNECT system and usage.

1. Anyone can subscribe: students, parents, grandparents, employees, caregivers, bus drivers, etc...
2. Individuals can choose the schools and methods of contact: email, text, and voice. Individuals can select 1 or all of our schools and 1 or more contact methods.
3. This is an annual opt in program that will contain current information. We have received several complaints already this year from wrong numbers and places of business.

**This will be our primary method of notifying parents and students about weather related events and emergencies.**

Please signup today. <https://penncrest.bbcportal.com/Entry>

Step by step directions are available at

[https://penncrestorg.finalseite.com/uploaded/PENNCREST/District/Departments/Technology/PENNCREST\\_Portal\\_Directions.pdf](https://penncrestorg.finalseite.com/uploaded/PENNCREST/District/Departments/Technology/PENNCREST_Portal_Directions.pdf) . Please contact your child's school office with questions.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool*