

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To the Fairfield Public Schools Parents and Guardians:

Due to significant, ongoing concerns related to safety and numerous power outages, the opening of the Fairfield Public Schools for students has been delayed until **Tuesday, September 6, 2011**. We currently have 8 schools without power and 25 roads closed due to fallen trees and power lines. **Further postponements may be necessary as more information becomes available.**

This decision was made in conjunction with our Administrators, the First Selectman's Office, the Maintenance and Transportation Departments, the Chief of Police, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and representatives from United Illuminating (UI). Of concern are numerous fallen trees, debris and downed power lines that are scattered across town and may cause unsafe travel conditions.

At this time our plans are as follows:

- Elementary School Meet & Greets scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, have been cancelled.
- Middle School Sixth Grade Orientations scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, have been cancelled. Orientation activities for grade six students will be integrated into the first day of school on September 6.
- High School Ninth Grade Orientations have been rescheduled for the morning of Friday, September 2.
- The first day of school (September 6th) will be a **full day**.

Any changes to the above will be communicated to you as soon as possible. **Please continue to check the Fairfield Public Schools website and the media.**

I realize this change in schedule may pose an inconvenience to some, but in light of the information we have received, it was necessary and will ensure the safety of our students, staff and community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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