

Fall 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of our emergency planning and preparation, the Bangor School Department purchased an alert messaging system. This immediate response information system allows the school system to call, text message, or send email to parents instantaneously in the event of an emergency or school cancellation. The secure system will be used only to deliver critical messages in the event of an emergency or a school cancellation. No one will receive messages from the Bangor School Department that are unsolicited. The system will not deliver advertising content, and no cost is passed on to those who participate, other than any fees charged by their phone provider for text messaging services. The Bangor School Department will also continue to notify the public of closings or other emergencies via the channels previously used, including local radio and television broadcasts.

Selected school department staff will have the authority to decide whether an alert message is needed. Examples that might warrant such an announcement include:

- Immediate threats to health and safety
- Fires, hazardous chemical spills or other emergencies that force lockdowns or evacuation of one or more buildings
- Unscheduled closings of an emergency nature

The alert system will not be used to make standard announcements or advertise events. To opt in, users will need to fill in the information on the enclosed page and return to the school main office.

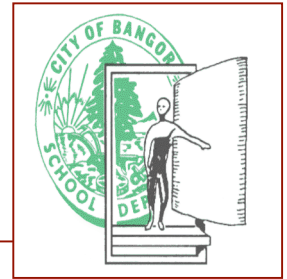
Before the system is fully operational, the system will need to be tested in order to verify contact information. Testing of the system will be done once during first semester and once during the second semester each school year. Parents should notify the main office in the event that their emergency numbers or email address changes.

If you have questions, please contact your child's school main office or the office of the Assistant Superintendent at 992-4167.

Sincerely,

Betsy M. Webb
Superintendent of Schools

BANGOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Alert Messaging System Sign Up Form
Please return this form to your child's school.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child(ren) Names and School: *(Please fill out a form for each school in which you have children.)*

Name _____ School _____

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Emergency Contact Number: _____

(Please note that the emergency contact number must be a direct line to you. This alert messaging system cannot be redirected to extensions or other phone lines. We will automatically be entering the area code of 207 for all numbers. Therefore, if your emergency contact number has an area code other than 207, please be sure to include it on the line above.)

Please indicate whether your emergency contact number is a:

- _____ Cell phone number
- _____ Direct business line
- _____ Home phone number

Emergency Email Contact: _____

Home Phone Number: _____