

# *Lincoln Parish School Board*

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Dear Parents,

As the school year progresses, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our schools and communications. Certainly student safety is a primary concern for all of us; therefore, it was decided that we should invest in a mass communications system to notify you of any situation, whether it be of a serious nature or a simple reminder about an upcoming school or district event.

As a result of extensive research and discussions, we have secured such a program for this purpose. In order for this new program to be successful, we need you to consider enrolling in this system by selecting either a phone call or a text message notification. A web link is provided for you to complete the necessary information such as your phone number/s and students' names and schools.

This is strictly voluntary; you are not required to join. However, it will be a great way for Lincoln Parish schools or the district office to contact you to let you know what is going on at a school or in the district. Along with the online Student Progress Center, this will be another venue for you to receive information that pertains to individual schools or the entire district.

Today we live in an age rich with technology allowing for quick and easy communications. This program and associated equipment will allow us to inform you of school closures, threatening weather conditions which create early or extended day dismissals, lock down situations due to threats, and school evacuations as a result of fire, other emergencies, or perhaps simply drills. Do realize that notifications cannot occur unless we have been given your emergency contact information. We will continue to notify the media of closures as we have done in the past; however, this proposed new method will ensure that YOU receive a personal contact if we are provided with accurate contact information.

The Lincoln Parish School District takes great strides in keeping you informed, and your personal information will not be shared with anyone outside this public school agency or public schools unless emergency notification phone numbers are requested by local emergency responder staffs, local law enforcement officials, and local triage or hospital staffs.

To enroll, please access the web link at [www.textalertsonline.com/Lincoln](http://www.textalertsonline.com/Lincoln). Please give thoughtful consideration to joining.

Sincerely,  
Lincoln Parish School District Administrative Team