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November 7, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff of the West Jefferson Hills School District:

As you are aware, the West Jefferson Hills School District currently uses *AlertNow* as its emergency mass notification system. On November 13, 2013, we will be using an upgraded version of *AlertNow* called *Connect 5* for our mass notifications of inclement weather, school delays and closings, busing issues, etc.

> *"Blackboard Connect enables school leaders to communicate more effectively with parents and their communities at large, and has been proven to increase safety and security…for school districts across the nation," said Ed Miller, President of Blackboard's administrative platform group.*

The West Jefferson Hills School District will be testing the Blackboard Connect platform on **Monday, November 11, 2013**. The district advises that it is testing the service based on the student data provided by parents in *PowerSchool* and the staff data provided by school district administration.

If you know of anyone who erroneously receives a call or who would like to be on the call list, please have them contact Patty Zeleznick at 412-655-8450, ext. 2225. Parents/guardians who would like to have their contact information changed should contact the school(s) in which their child(ren) attend so that it can be revised in *PowerSchool*. Staff members should continue to contact Patty Zeleznick with changes.

For more information about Blackboard connect, please visit http://www.blackboard.com/connect.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this transition!

Dr. Michael A. Panza
Superintendent

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