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Good Friday afternoon...

I hope you'll agree that it is a good feeling to have week #1 under our belts. Things seemed to go fairly well, all things considered. If not, I hope you've reached out to your student's principal or to me.

As promised, I'm letting you know that I will be sending a **'test message' through School Messenger today at 4:30 PM**. School Messenger is the mechanism that I use to notify you of school **cancellations or delays**, typically due to weather. We will continue using School Messenger for that purpose this year, but as noted in the District's Re-opening Plan, I will also use School Messenger to notify our families of any remarkable changes in our school status related to Covid-19.

Therefore, it is more important than ever that we have your proper contact information in our student information system. When we conduct this test, we often discover that some families have:

- *Changed cell phone numbers.*
- *Gotten rid of their landline.*
- *Moved.*
- *Changed their email address.*

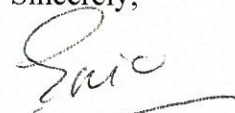
School Messenger is configured to contact the **guardian listed first** in Infinite Campus. If you would like to expand your own contact list, you will contact our data manager, Nancy Embry, via email, and she will take care of you: nembry@kitteryschools.com

Some of you have already had Mrs. Embry modify your contact list in School Messenger to include a second or even third contact. Those will remain so unless you ask her to change them.

One last point; once you modify your contact list in School Messenger, it is 'all or nothing.' In other words, I cannot call only the 'first guardian' for snow events but expand that contact list for Covid-19 related calls. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way.

Enjoy the weekend! Find some wide open spaces, take your mask off, and breathe deeply.

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
Superintendent of Schools