

# WHARTON BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the near future the District will be transitioning from our current notification system “Honeywell” to a notification generated by Realtime, our student information system, which also operates the “Parent Portal” used for grades.

This new notification system will perform the same features you have grown accustomed to from Honeywell. All parents will have the ability to receive information by phone call, text and/or email. As with Honeywell, this is based upon the contact information you provide and the parameters you establish for receipt. The reason for this change is to condense our resources into one program, for parent and staff convenience, and also to more effectively communicate with an increased percentage of our student families. The message will transmit, to each, in their native language, English or Spanish. While this feature will not have the “personal touch” of my voice, it is more important to disseminate information in a means comprehensible to most.

I ask that you log in to the Parent Portal and ensure that your contact information is up to date. Some have their main number associated with a house phone. This is fine, however, if you would like to receive SMS/text messages, it may be easier to list your cell number there. Additionally, please ensure in Realtime, that boxes associated with contact information (i.e. cell phone, home phone, email, SMS), are properly checked to receive information to your preferred method of contact.

All households need to populate “main phone number”, if you don’t have a house phone, please use a cell phone. Any number entered can be selected to receive calls and SMS/text messages. Please update your records accordingly.

Prior to the end of the month I will send an alert out using, our current system, alerting you of the date and time that a “test” message will be sent using Realtime Notification. As always, the district will continue to post any emergency announcements, delays and closures on the District website, via Twitter @WBPS\_NJ, and on television.

Thank you for your attention to this and for your constant support of the Wharton Public Schools.

Sincerely,

*Christopher J. Herdman*

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Superintendent

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