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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Region 14,

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with more in-depth information on the occurrences that led to the cancellation of school yesterday, March 7, 2019.

The Buildings and Grounds Director informed me that as of 6:55 a.m., three of the Region's schools were without power, water, heat, as well as a district wide outage of telephones. Eversource was contacted immediately to remedy the situation. Buses had already started dropping off students at both WMS and NHS by this point.

To compound the situation, Fire Chief Morgan advised that there was a wire down with a report of 1400 homes without power.

A follow up call was made to Eversource, who advised that power might be intermittent over the course of the day.

The Region needed to act quickly, so I took the decision to close all schools and informed the bus company, parents, and students immediately to assure the least amount of impact. The staff waited until all students were picked up before leaving themselves.

My number one priority is to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and given the circumstances, feel that this was the best choice given under the circumstances.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Olzacki, Ed.D.
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