

This message is from Superintendent of Schools Gary Gonyar

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Upcoming Test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

On Wednesday, October 3, beginning at 2:18 p.m. Eastern Time, there will be a nationwide test of the *Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)*. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of IPAWS and its [Emergency Alert System \(EAS\)](#) and [Wireless Emergency Alerts \(WEA\)](#) to (1) assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message, and (2) determine whether improvements are needed.

The WEA portion of the test commences at 2:18 p.m. ET and the EAS portion follows at 2:20 p.m. ET. This test message will be sent to cell phones that are connected to wireless providers participating in WEA, which is why it is important to make local education agencies (LEAs) aware in advance.

The link below is a short video explaining the test:

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/170684>

The Hermon School Department will continue to use School Messenger for all emergency communications with our stakeholders.