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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an exciting new app that you will be able to install to receive important emergency notifications directly from the Wyckoff School District. At the start of the current school year, the District changed its emergency notification system from Honeywell to Blackboard. On Sunday, October 30, 2016, you should have received a test notification from Blackboard. Since all contact information for Blackboard notifications are taken directly from the Genesis Parent Portal contact information, it is important that you keep this information up to date. If you did not receive the recent test notification, please log on to your Genesis Parent Portal account and go to the Contacts Tab to update your information.

A few details regarding your contact information on the Genesis Parent Portal and its use in the Blackboard notification system:

- Primary phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses are taken directly from Genesis Guardian 1 and Guardian 2.
- Your Genesis Parent Portal email address (username) can only be changed by emailing the Genesis Helpdesk at [genesis@wyckoffps.org](mailto:genesis@wyckoffps.org)
- If you would like to receive a text message from the Blackboard notification system, you MUST select a provider after the cell number in the Genesis contact information.

In addition to Blackboard being an emergency notification system, it offers a free application for parents to download that can be used as a "district hub" on your mobile device to access the district Facebook and Twitter feeds, district calendars, Eisenhower Middle School student course information, student attendance, links to Pay-For-It, and other helpful information.

On Monday, November 21, 2016, you will receive an email containing a link to download the app along with log on credentials. We trust that you will find this new notification system very helpful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Genesis Helpdesk at [genesis@wyckoffps.org](mailto:genesis@wyckoffps.org).

With warm Thanksgiving wishes to you and your family,

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