

Norridge School District 80
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The phone system at Giles was damaged in a power outage last fall. At the time of the outage, the Administration assessed the situation and put in place an action plan so that teachers and staff could function during both every day activities and in the case of an emergency. The District then planned to proceed with the purchase of a new phone system in the FY19 budget.

During the summer, the District took advantage of an opportunity to apply for a federal grant that included the phone system. If the grant is awarded, the system will be purchased using federal funds and local funds can be redirected by the Board of Education to myriad other needs facing the District.

The Board acknowledges that a statement was made at the last Board meeting that the current system was fully functional; however, that statement was inaccurate. The Board knows there is a need for an updated phone system, and that the action plan the Administration put in place at the time of the outage has not been ideal. Parents should know that while policy provides for students to keep their cell phones off and away during the day, the policy will be temporarily relaxed until the new system is operational and students will be permitted to keep their phones with them; however, students will be instructed that their cell phones may not be used except in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul O'Malley
Superintendent