

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**



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To the Trumbull Educational Community,

Due to significant, ongoing concerns related to safety, the opening of the Trumbull Public Schools for students has been delayed until **Tuesday, September 6, 2011.**

This decision was made in concert with Trumbull's Emergency Management Team, including the First Selectman, Police and Fire Chiefs, Director of Public Works and representatives from United Illuminating (UI). It should be noted that Trumbull's Emergency Management Team Director Lt. Ron Kirby and Deputy Director William Chiarenzelli have done an outstanding job in coordinating our Town's ultimate return to normalcy.

The saying "looks can be deceiving" certainly applies to today's weather status. Mr. Chiarenzelli advises, however, that Trumbull is still in a State of Emergency, with the Restoration stage in sight; but we are not there yet. Trumbull has almost 9,000 homes without power, as well as 5 schools. United Illuminating estimates that Trumbull will not be fully on line until Friday. Of additional concern are the numerous fallen trees, debris and downed power and telephone lines that are scattered and causing havoc throughout the town. This dilemma not only poses many life safety issues but also has created transportation problems related to access to several of our schools for both buses/staff and parent drivers. Bus delays would be lengthy and cause many related issues, such as having no communication system between individual buses and First Student's Spring Hill Road base of operations which is critical during the first days of school.

At this time, our plans including the following:

- School offices will reopen on Wednesday, August 31st.
- Teacher Professional Development days will be held on Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st with scheduled activities. (In a separate communication, site locations will be distributed to staff).
- The first and second days of school (September 6th and 7th) will be regular, full school days.
(Any significant changes to the above will be communicated to you.)

I realize this marked changed in schedules will pose an inconvenience for many, but in light of the data received by the Trumbull Emergency Management Team, it was necessary and can only ensure the safety of our students, staff and community.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding and cooperation.

Ralph M. Iassogna, Superintendent