



Michael P. Yamin
Superintendent

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT...

Good Morning,

I am sending this letter to provide as much information as possible to the Region 16 Community about the recent damage from yesterday's severe thunderstorm and high winds in Beacon Falls, Prospect, and its effect on the schools. The Town of Beacon Falls is 96% without power and there are over a dozen roads closed as well as a number of main arteries that are pertinent to safely transporting students. The Town of Prospect has one road closed, and power on Summit Road and a few side streets are down, but that should be restored by tomorrow at the latest. Our schools were basically left undamaged. However, we did have two electrical poles come down in the parking lot of Laurel Ledge which obviously would restrict entrance to the school until they are repaired. There is also a great deal of leaves, debris, and twigs for the most part in the parking lots of Laurel Ledge and Woodland that our custodial crews and maintenance department are addressing.

I am in communication with both towns Emergency Management Directors; as well as the Public Works Departments, Town Officials and Eversource Representatives. The Eversource crews are presently only working on removing any electrical lines, etc. to support the opening of roads and removal of trees and debris. The restoration of power in Beacon Falls has not begun and will not begin until all roads and trees are removed. I am being told it could take up to 5 days for all power to be restored.

I realize there are concerns about the last day of school and graduation dates. I will make decisions to open and close on a day to day basis. We will take into consideration the lack of power in your homes, the safety of transporting students, and our ability to open our schools and operate appropriately. Once we return to school with a certain degree of normalcy, we will address those issues at the May 23rd BOE meeting.

I will be accessible and available for any concerns or requests that I can accommodate. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone, 203-758-6671 or e-mail me at myamin@region16ct.org.

You may also contact any of the administrators below with questions or concerns:

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Thank you for your continued support.

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