



Flash Alert for Emergency District Information System Scores top marks for Performance

As winter sets in so does the opportunity for inclement weather. Providing emergency information to parents and guardians as quickly as possible is an essential element in the process of bad weather closings and school emergencies. Previously we reported that CISD had joined partnership with Flash Alert, a subscriber based company that provides emergency communication through the use of electronic media (computers and cell phones with text message capabilities) as their main communication tools. This new system proved itself worthy this past Monday with the snow fall and poor driving conditions the area experienced. "It was so nice to be sleeping one minute, and have my cell phone buzz with a text message notifying me that school was delayed till 10:00. I went right back to sleep without missing a beat," said Celeste High School student, Justin Glenday. We are strongly encouraging parents to become familiar with the District's communication process in the event of bad weather. In most cases, a decision to close or delay school due to bad weather is made prior to 6 a.m. This system allows the CISD Superintendent, Mr. Collin Clark, to make the decision to delay school opening time or to call off school all together. Once the information has been posted to the flash alert system by Mr. Clark, the information will be sent to those signed up through www.flashalert.net. A notification will be sent to all subscribers, either through e-mail notification on the computer or through text messages received on cell phones that have texting capabilities.

Please visit the school website for further information on how to sign-up for flash alert at www.celesteisd.org or take advantage of the direct sign-up at [www.
flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net).

The school website also includes the local radio and television stations that will carry the same emergency information for those that do not have access to computers or cell phones.