



Cranford Public School District

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Dear Cranford Public Schools Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Irene and to reopen all of our schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

I am certain that you are all aware of the flooding that ravaged Brookside Place School and the surrounding neighborhood. Many families and homes have been impacted by the storm and Brookside Place School was severely flooded forcing BPS students to be relocated to other sites for instruction.

At this time, teachers will be returning to school Thursday, September 8th. Students will return Monday, September 12th. Our administrative staff has been hard at work making relocation plans for Brookside Place School students and obtaining instructional resources to replace those lost to the storm.

Brookside Place School will reopen. We anticipate that the recovery and reconstruction process will take approximately two to four months. We have hired an expert company, American Technologies Incorporated, out of California, specializing in disaster relief efforts. We are very impressed with their work, their organization and their efforts to work with the school district as we relocate.

Relocation plans for Cranford students are as follows: Kindergarten students will attend Bloomingdale Avenue School. First and second grade will go to Washington School in Garwood. This facility is being given to us for our exclusive use for the cost of utilities only. Third grade students will attend Hillside Avenue School. Fourth grade students will attend Livingston Avenue School and fifth grade students will attend Orange Avenue School. For additional details of the relocation, please go to our website www.cranfordschools.org to view the power point with specific details for all Brookside Place parents.

Individual school principals will be sending each respective school community specific information regarding the impact of the relocation on each neighborhood school. Rest assured that things are well in hand and that the high quality of instruction Cranford is known for remains in place.

If you have any concerns, please contact my office or the office of your school principal. We anticipate a successful school year and wish all of our Cranford families a speedy return to familiar routines.

Sincerely,

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