

# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent  
30 Park Street • P.O. Box 600

Vernon, CT 06066-0600

Fax (860) 870-6005

Website: [www.vernonschools.com](http://www.vernonschools.com)



**Mary P. Conway, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
(860) 870-6000 ext. 124

**Deborah Murasso**  
*Assistant Superintendent of Schools*  
(860) 870-6000 ext. 143

November 7, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although I know that not everyone in our town has power, I hope that our school families are doing well and that life is slowly returning back to normal for most of you.

As promised, I would like to give everyone an update on our schools.

- **Power at Schools:** All of our schools have power! Our custodial staff, along with Parks and Recreation and Vernon Public Works Departments, are working to clean up the school grounds at all schools. All areas are safe; however, if you should see areas that are taped off, please avoid them.
- **School Re-Opening:** Schools will re-open on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and will also be in session on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day. With regard to Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day, I have been in contact with the American Legion of Rockville. We will be working together with them to celebrate Veteran’s Day. They will be assisting the schools in providing programs to honor and remember our Veterans. If you had previously made family plans for Veteran’s Day and your child will be absent on Friday, please know that your child’s absence will be considered an “excused absence”.
- **Transportation:** The latest update I have received shows that most but not all roadways in Vernon have been cleared and are safe for travel.
  - **Students who ride the bus:** If your child rides the bus, have your child go to the bus stop if possible. If sidewalks are not passable, then your child should go to the nearest accessible position on the bus route.
  - **Students who ride a mini bus or lift bus:** If your child rides a mini bus or lift bus that picks up your child at your home and you believe that the roads are not passable by the bus, please call Betty King, Transportation Coordinator, at 860-870-6000 X128 to make special arrangements.
  - **Students who walk to school:** If your child walks to school and the sidewalks or walkways are not clear, please call Betty King, Transportation Coordinator, at 860-870-6000 X128 to arrange for special transportation.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered and helped at our shelter at Vernon Center Middle School and at the Vernon Senior Center which was used as a warming and charging center. It was amazing to see everyone come together to help their neighbors as so many of you showed such compassion in helping each other. I am extremely proud of our community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary P. Conway".

Mary P. Conway, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools