

Monroe Township School District

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Mr. Robert Goodall
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Due to the power outages as a result of the storm last night, many residents were without power all day. Unfortunately, the power outage affected Oak Tree and Applegarth Elementary Schools. JCP&L made every attempt to prioritize our schools in restoring power but were unable to restore power in a timely manner prior to school opening. As Acting Superintendent of Schools, I directed the administrative team, transportation and staff to enact our safety plan and redirected our students to designated alternate schools in the district, Monroe Township Middle School and Monroe Township High School. Schools are not permitted to house students and staff without power for an extended period of time.

JCP&L could not estimate a timeline for power restoration at both schools, so we determined that an early dismissal would be appropriate. We coordinated with each school's administration, transportation, teaching staff and after care programs, considering all of the challenges parents encounter with an early dismissal. Despite these challenges, we were able to complete a required day of school on our district calendar. I want to thank all of the staff, including transportation, teaching staff, paraprofessionals and support staff for their efforts today. I would also like to thank the administrative teams and the staff at MTMS and MTHS for accommodating our elementary students. The patience and cooperation of our parents and guardians is very appreciated during this unusual school day for those students and staff.

If you have any further questions related to the early dismissal today, please contact me at 732.521.1500 or rgoodall@monroe.k12.nj.us .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Goodall".

Robert Goodall
Acting Superintendent

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