



UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Dr. NICHOLAS A. DIAZ, Superintendent

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Dear Tiger Family,

I'm writing to follow up with additional information regarding the timeline and decisions that led to this morning's early dismissal.

At approximately 7:00 a.m., we learned that some Union Township residents were experiencing power outages. At that time, our schools had power and we were able to proceed with a regular day. At approximately 7:30 a.m., our schools lost power. With some students on buses en route to school, we decided to proceed with the school day in the hope that we would have enough natural light and adequate conditions to conduct the school day until the power was restored at 10:30 a.m. as originally indicated by JCP&L.

As the morning went on, we grew less confident in the potential power restoration time following conversations with JCP&L, and with a lack of natural light coming into classrooms, it became increasingly difficult to provide our students with a comfortable learning environment. Additionally, we became concerned about the ability to prepare and serve lunch in the event that power was not restored in time. With all these factors in mind, we decided that an early dismissal would be necessary and we immediately notified staff and the families of the decision. As dismissal was taking place around 9:45 a.m., power was restored. With students already boarding buses, we felt it was too late to reverse the decision as this would only create more confusion for staff and families.

I am deeply sorry for the inconvenience that this unexpected early dismissal may have caused. I can assure you that I will be collaborating with our board and township officials as we speak with JCP&L about the frequent power outages we seem to experience here in Union Township and in our schools. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. As a general reminder, school is closed tomorrow in observance of Yom Kippur.

Yours in education,

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