Region 15 is pleased to announce enhanced customization features and the use of text messages for School Messenger communications to Parents and Guardians. These additional enhancements are coming to Region15 at no additional cost.

The use of a new SchoolMessenger app and website will allow Parents/Guardians to "opt in" to receive early morning weather-related phone calls and to customize the way you wish to receive other SchoolMessenger communications.

To "opt in" for early morning weather-related phone calls and/or to personalize your settings:

- A: Download the SchoolMessenger app or visit the new SchoolMessenger Website at https://go.schoolmessenger.com. The app is available on the Android Google Play and Apple iOS Stores under the name "SchoolMessenger". There is no charge for the app.
- B: Open the app or website and "sign up" to create your account. <u>Please Note: You must "sign up" using the email address that we currently have on file for your child/children in Region 15'sstudent database.</u>
- C. You will now be able to set your preferences. If you are using the website, click on the down arrow in the upper right hand corner to access the "preferences" page. If you are using the app, click on the icon on the upper left hand corner to access the "preferences" page. Whether you are using the website or the app, follow the directions below to "opt in" for early morning weather-related phone calls.
 - 1. Scroll down to "My Message Preferences" and select "Weather Related _Non Emergency".
 - 2. Select the phone numbers on which you wish to receive early morning weather-related phone calls.

On the website you will need to "save" your selections; the app will automatically save your selections.

To "opt in" to receive Text Messages:

You may participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to the district's short code number, 67587. You may also opt out of these messages at any time by texting "Stop" to our short code 67587.

Visit the Region 15 "Parents" section of the website at www.region15.org for more detailed information and instructions.

Please be sure to always provide us with up to date phone numbers and email addresses. If you have any questions, please contact Russ Sage, Region 15's Director of Information Technology Services at (203) 758-8259 x125 or email: rsage@region15.org