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### **ADVISORY: DOE Reminds School Districts Statewide of Emergency Preparedness Procedures; *Assistance Is In Response to Hurricane Isabel Warnings***

The Department of Education today sent [a letter](#) to school superintendents statewide reminding districts of the importance of emergency preparedness procedures. According to various weather reports, Hurricane Isabel is expected to hit North Carolina by noon today and will proceed north to the Southern New Jersey region as a tropical storm by the end of the day.

The letter sent today is the second correspondence to districts this week.

With that in mind and in the event of a weather-related emergency over the next two days, Deputy Commissioner Dwight Pfennig sent a memorandum today to districts that outlined the importance of the following:

- o Contacting local and county emergency management coordinators;
- o Reviewing Emergency Management plans;
- o Checking school shelters, transportation vehicles and emergency generators;
- o Reviewing school emergency plans with students, parents, school personnel and local law enforcement and emergency management coordinators; and
- o Making sure all lines of communication within school communities remain open.

The DOE understands that many school districts throughout the state have taken such precautions and recognizes the continued efforts made to make sure all children in the state continue to learn in a safe and secure environment.

For more information, please contact the Department of Education Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126. [A copy of Deputy Commissioner Pfennig's letter is attached.](#)