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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

For the past several years the Morris County Vocational School District has been using Honeywell Instant Alert for emergency notifications to our school community. Effective September 2021, the Morris County Vocational School District will now be utilizing Blackboard's Mass Notification service for school closings and delays, emergency, and event announcements. Notifications will be sent via phone, text and email.

Parent and student contact information will be synced from Genesis, our student information system, to Blackboard and will be updated each night. As such, it is of utmost importance that your contact information on file in Genesis is accurate. Please utilize your <u>Genesis Parent Portal</u> to ensure that your contact information is up to date.

Please note: Only Guardian 1 and Guardian 2 contact information will be synced to Blackboard for notifications. The individual listed as Guardian 1 in Genesis is the primary contact. Only the primary contact can update any contact information on file for all guardians listed. If you wish to add additional guardians, please complete the <a href="Add Additional Guardians">Add Additional Guardians</a> form and submit to the Guidance Department. If you have any questions regarding your Genesis portal, please contact Janet Kelly (<a href="kellyi@mcvts.org">kellyi@mcvts.org</a>) or Linda Scapicchio (<a href="scapicchiol@mcvts.org">scapicchiol@mcvts.org</a>) in the Guidance Department.

Blackboard will also have the ability to send push notifications to your mobile device via our new mobile app when it becomes available. You will receive information about downloading the mobile app in September.

As always, school closing and delay information will also be posted on the main page of our website, and there will also be a message on our main phone number (select prompt #8 School Closings).

Sincerely,

Scott Moffitt Superintendent

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