Message from Superintendent Mike Hammer:

This test will occur through a text message and may impact your students.

In the event of a national emergency, we would also provide specific district related details through our own alert system as well.

**School Security – National test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)**

 On Wednesday, October 3, beginning at 2:18 p.m. Eastern Time, there will be a nationwide test of the *Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)*. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of IPAWS and its [Emergency Alert System (EAS)](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-alert-system) and [Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)](https://www.fema.gov/frequently-asked-questions-wireless-emergency-alerts/) to (1) assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message, and (2) determine whether improvements are needed.

 To prepare and for details see our Maine DOE News announcement:  <https://mainedoenews.net/2018/09/18/upcoming-test-of-the-integrated-public-alert-and-warning-system-ipaws/>