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To: District Superintendents
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Subject: Resources for Recovering from Hurricane Sandy

In reply to: Questions from the Field

On behalf of the Commissioner and the entire Department I want to express my concern and sympathy for the extreme difficulties many of you are experiencing due to the recent storm and flooding. Please know that the health and safety of you and your students are of paramount concern to us.

Attached are two documents to assist you in recovering from the storm and getting your schools back in operation. The documents are:

1. Memo on Reopening Schools, and
2. Guidelines from the State Archives on Protecting Documents Damaged by Flooding.

Both documents contain contact numbers for reaching key Department staff.

In addition, the following links provide information on severe weather events and questions and answers.

Field Memo:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/homeless/docs/FMSevereWeather.pdf>

Q and A: Information for School Districts Impacted by Severe Weather Events:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/docs/extreme-weather-events-guidance-for-schools-9.8.11.pdf>

I am asking you to share this information with your component school superintendents. Please call if you need any assistance.

I appreciate all of your hard work and our team stands ready to assist you in these difficult circumstances.