

## FACED WITH FLOODING & POWER OUTAGES, SHERWOOD FOREST MONTESSORI RELIES ON SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT'S MOBILE APP TO CLOSE SCHOOL

### The Challenge

School administrators at Sherwood Forest Montessori School had always relied on an email program to communicate with groups of parents.

This program was very limiting and did not offer additional communication methods like voice or SMS text messaging. It was also difficult to determine the effectiveness of this program.

Realizing they wanted to expand parent communication beyond email messages, administrators began searching for a user-friendly notification system that offered more features and functionality.

### The Solution

After researching a few different notification systems, staff members at Sherwood Forest Montessori School selected School Announcement.

[School Announcement](#) offers administrators and teachers the ability to send important alerts to student families using communication channels they prefer: email, voice, SMS text and social media.

When Sherwood Forest upgraded to Version 4.0 last year, they also gained access to the [Mobile Command Center](#) app.

This mobile app provides administrators with on-the-go access to their account – allowing users to launch alerts and messages directly from their mobile phone or device.

*"I had no electricity at home and had to let parents know school was closed. I used the Mobile Command Center on my cell phone and sent out a voice call in less than 5 minutes! It was so easy to do!"*

**- Elizabeth Powell**  
School Administrator

### The Benefits

Since purchasing School Announcement back in 2013, administrators at Sherwood Forest Montessori School have experienced a lot of great results, including a more **streamlined parent communication process**.

School Announcement has given users the ability to send general and emergency messages to parents, the entire student body, and even individual classes within minutes.



For example, a few months ago they experienced an unexpected school closure early in the morning due to flooding in the area.

Without electricity at her home, the school administrator accessed the Mobile Command Center app on her cell phone and send out a voice call to all parents and staff in less than 5 minutes!

Everyone was safe and well-informed of the weather-related closure.