



**An important message about Hurricane Florence from NC Superintendent Mark Johnson**

Parents, caretakers, and educators,

As the State Superintendent of North Carolina's public schools, I want you to know that your child's success in school and beyond is our top priority.

We are leading improvements for our schools, and starting this school year, we will regularly engage with you to make sure we are on the right track for students, parents, and teachers.

But today, storm preparation is the most important topic.

*No matter where you live in North Carolina, please take Hurricane Florence very seriously.* The storm is so large that every North Carolinian may experience severe weather.

Schools in eastern North Carolina have already announced closings. More will be announced soon. Follow our statewide list of cancellations and get more information at [NCsuperintendent.com/weather](http://NCsuperintendent.com/weather). You can sign up at [NCsuperintendent.com](http://NCsuperintendent.com) for more frequent updates.

**The State of North Carolina has a free resource to help you prepare for the storm. Please visit [ReadyNC.org](http://ReadyNC.org) or download the ReadyNC app. Also, follow us on social media for updates: [@MarkRJohnsonNC](https://twitter.com/MarkRJohnsonNC)**

I join the governor and all your leaders in Raleigh in urging everyone to use extreme caution and make necessary preparations.

In the next few days, I will be working with local officials on storm recovery efforts. The focus now is on making sure we are all safe through the storm.

Thank you, and please stay safe.



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