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Dear Colleague:

Good morning! What a wet and windy 24 hours!

By now you know that our district's schools are closed today due to widespread power outages. The region's roads and neighborhoods are strewn with debris, and media announcements continually warn us to be watchful for downed power lines. Eight of our sites, including the Community Resource Center, are without power this morning – as are 130,000 PUD customers in the county. Several more of our schools have wind debris strewn across parking lots and entryways. Poles and trees weakened by last night's wind mean other outages could be possible until the region's power infrastructure is stabilized. Six school districts in our region and two community colleges have closed due to power outages, yet other neighbors were less affected by the storm than are we.

This combination of cold schools, uncertain power supply, and hazardous driving conditions for staff, students and families helped determine this morning's decision not to open schools. The safety of our students, staff, and families is always the key consideration in our school closure decisions. As is typical for Everett Public Schools, we'll plan to make up the day at the end of the year.

I hope you and yours are safe and warm. Please be careful out there!



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