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To: Gina Picard  
From: Ned Draper  
Date: July 15, 2024  
Subject: Administration Building power failure

On/about Saturday July 13 in the morning, our Director of Buildings and Grounds was notified of a utility pole fire on Switch Road. The cause of this fire appears to have been due to the power service from the pole to our campus. As a result, the wiring and protective covering from the pole to the Administration building needs to be replaced. Related, the power panel of Administration also contains the feed for the Chariho High School septic pumping station (due to proximity to the leaching field). This pump, if failing during normal building occupancy, would have tank capacity to last roughly 3-8 hours before overflow conditions developed. Fortunately, our summer occupancy allows us a few days to get alternative power and wiring in place.

We anticipate the cost to rent an emergency generator and rewire from the utility pole to the building will be covered by our property insurance through the Rhode Island Interlocal Trust. A claim has been filed, contractors have responded, and final estimates for our insurance claim are being developed. Alternative work arrangements for the occupants of the building have been set up and we do not anticipate further disruption to operations (other than temporary relocations) after today.

Thank you.

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July 2, 2024

Gina M. Picard  
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Dear Ms. Picard:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you, your staff and students for receiving the United States Department of Education Green Ribbon School Award. This award reflects your commitment to providing a healthy, safe, efficient school environment and protecting our planet. I thank you for the positive impact your dedicated service has made on our beautiful Ocean State.

I wish you the best in your future endeavors. If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator