



Dr. William R. Shirk Jr., Superintendent

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Yesterday's storm presented a number of challenges that were not anticipated. The storm predictions did not move with the timing and intensity that was predicted. However, in times of unique circumstances it also demonstrated how our staff came together to make sure all of our students stayed calm and safe. Many staff members stayed with their students to ensure that every last student made it home safely. (Oftentimes, sacrificing getting home to their own families.)

Principals and secretaries were answering parent concerns almost non-stop all afternoon, staff members spent the afternoon assisting parents picking up their children. Maintenance and custodians were working to keep the sidewalks and driveways as clear as possible. The entire staff of Pottsgrove is to be thanked and commended for being caring, committed and dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. Please let me say how proud I am of your dedication.

We would also like to thank our local government. Our three townships, Lower, Upper and West Pottsgrove all provided support and assistance with safe passage for our residents and buses. The Police and Emergency Road crews were outstanding in their response to the many challenges that were presented along with our roadways. And finally, our transportation provider CMD Transportation, along with all of the dedicated bus drivers and office staff that handled very difficult circumstances and logistical issues all afternoon. Well done and Thank you.

So, in this time of giving thanks, we are thankful for all of you and all that you do to make Pottsgrove a wonderful, caring community. May all of you have a well-deserved and restful Thanksgiving break with your family and friends.

Thanks again!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Shirk'.

Bill Shirk
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Superintendent