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Dear Waterford Public School community members,

As you are most likely aware, there was a devastating fire at Peachtree Apartments in Norwich early Saturday morning. Miraculously, there was no loss of life or injury; however, 150 residents have lost all their possessions. The Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, United Community Family Services, and Norwich Human Services are organizing efforts to assist those in need.

As the Waterford Public Schools system, we would like to support these efforts. Many of you have asked how you might help. Below are some ideas for assistance.

- Monetary donations. Checks should be made payable to “**Peachtree Fire Victim’s Fund.**” (The Norwich Mayor’s office has set up a special account established at the Dime Bank.)
- Clothing
- Household items such as toasters or microwave ovens, furniture, chairs, tables, etc.
- Gift cards for use at gas stations, grocery stores, clothing stores, furniture stores, department stores, etc.

Each of our six schools will serve as a collection site effective today through May 16, 2008. Household items may be dropped off at any of the following schools.

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| ✓ Cohanzie Elementary School | 443-7690 |
| ✓ Great Neck Elementary School | 442-2593 |
| ✓ Oswegatchie Elementary School | 442-4331 |
| ✓ Southwest Elementary School | 443-3210 |
| ✓ Clark Lane Middle School | 443-2837 |
| ✓ Waterford High School | 437-6956 |

If you need assistance delivering household items, you may contact the Buildings and Grounds office at 444-5855.

As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for the victims of this tragedy. Please note that 150 people were impacted by this fire. **No donation is too small.**

I am confident that our school community will demonstrate goodwill and generosity once again in the face of tragedy. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Randall H. Collins
Superintendent of Schools