



# Reading City Schools Alerts Parents of Emergency School Closing Using CommunitySafe

## Client Overview

Reading Community City Schools is located in Reading, Ohio, which is approximately 10 miles north of Cincinnati.

This year, there are 1,465 students enrolled in the district's two elementary schools (Grades K-6), and one junior/school high school (Grades 7-12).

## District Specifics

The district is rated "Effective" overall on the Ohio State Report Card. The average teacher has 11 years experience and over 75% of classroom teachers have a master's degree or higher.

The district offers a well-rounded curriculum and a variety of extracurricular activities. For more information visit [www.readingschools.org](http://www.readingschools.org)

Reading City Schools implemented CallCommand's CommunitySafe solution in September 2006 for emergency notifications. Since then, the product has become the school district's most popular communication tool. School administrators have received nothing but positive feedback from parents and staff in regards to the effectiveness of CommunitySafe.

Reading Hilltop Elementary School used CommunitySafe during its first week of school in August. Due to heat-related power outages, the school was forced to conduct an emergency evacuation and release students early.

With the help of CommunitySafe, Principal Bob Longworth was able to quickly and calmly contact families within a 20-minute time frame. Parents received accurate and timely information from the voice of authority before they heard of the events on the radio or news. All parents picked up their children within two hours of receiving the call.

Mr. Longworth says, "Without the system, I have no doubt that children would have been with our school staff for up to five hours on the front lawn of the school in triple digit temperatures. I truly appreciate the ability to touch base with our families so quickly and easily."

Other schools in the Reading school district have experienced similar results. The benefits of CommunitySafe are endless because of its ability to disseminate vital information from school administrators to parents and faculty in a timely manner.

"CommunitySafe is a wonderful tool for communicating with families. It is a thorough and effective approach to authentic, real-time communication. Our faculty has embraced this system as well, and look forward to using CommunitySafe on their own."

Contributed By  
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