## Parents and Guardians

## You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Catoosa County Public Schools will be moving to a **new** system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone. The system will deliver important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. A sign up text will be sent on January 27, 2020. You can also participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

Text messages will only be sent to parents or guardians, students and their emergency contacts.

You can also opt out of these message at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**."



We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or school district.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy PledgeTM, so you can rest assured that your information will never be given or sold to anyone.

The sign up period will last from January 27-March 31. All Catoosa County Schools will begin using the text system April 1, 2020.

## Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.