

WASHINGTON

Community High School District 308



December 19, 2013

Illini West High School District #307
96 S. Madison St.
Carthage, IL 62321

Dear Illini West High School District #307,

Our community drastically changed over the course of a few minutes on November 17, 2013. The tornado that traveled thru Washington left a path of 500 destroyed homes, 300 homes damaged and uninhabitable, and 300 damaged homes. While this natural disaster brought loss of life, property loss, and injury, it also delivered an opportunity for our community to stand strong and rise to a challenge that no one saw coming or necessarily desired.

WCHS has received many financial donations from community members, past graduates, and a multitude of schools across the state of Illinois. The outpouring of support has been simply overwhelming. We want to thank everyone who supported or contributed to the WCHS Relief Fund.

To date we have collected \$126,000 in relief funds and are still receiving donations on a daily basis. These funds will be equitably dispersed to student's families and staff who were displaced as a result of the tornado on November 17, 2013. We hope that these funds will help offset some personal losses. We have plans in motion to disperse the majority of the relief funds prior to the holiday break. While some requests were made to direct donations to specific activities, we felt the students and staff that were affected would be best served by an equal distribution of funds. Many of these students and staff participate in the activities that were targeted for donations. By evenly distributing the funds, they will also receive a portion of the general relief fund contributions.

We want to personally thank you for your donation of \$ 550 to the WCHS Tornado Relief Fund received on 12/10/2013. Your donation is tax deductible.

On behalf of WCHS, I thank you for your generosity and support of our school and community. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Dunnan
Superintendent