Walled Lake Consolidated School District Update: Oct. 31, 2019

Dear WLCSD Parents:

We are sharing the information below from Oakland County to ensure all of our children and families are safe this Halloween.

The weather forecast for Southeast Michigan calls for steady rain all day, with winds picking up late this afternoon, just as trick-or-treaters are out collecting candy for Halloween. The winds are expected to get gusty tonight. These weather conditions increase the risk for downed power lines and tree-related power outages. We have a special safety response plan in place for Halloween, and we have mobilized our employees to respond quickly to any reports of downed power lines. Because safety is our top priority, our crews will focus first and foremost on clearing any wire down or other safety hazards. Once those are resolved, we will begin our restoration plan. We will do everything we can to keep families safe while they are outside tonight.

- Safety is always a priority: Look up to know what’s down. Downed lines may be on the ground, wrapped in a tree or hiding beneath tall grass or weeds.
- Consider all power lines to be live and stay 20 feet away from them, and anything they may come into contact with. 20 feet is about the length of an ambulance.
- Report a downed power line by calling 911 or DTE Energy at 800.477.4747. You can also use your DTE mobile app or dteenergy.com to report downed wires.
- Also, never use a portable generator inside a home or business. It emits carbon monoxide, which can be deadly. Keep it outside, away from windows and doors, so the fumes won’t come in.

Thank you, Happy Halloween and be safe.

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