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SkyGuard® Protects Stephenville Independent School District Students with Advance Weather Warnings

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. – September 22, 2008 – Stephenville Independent School District (Stephenville, Texas) began the 2008-2009 school year with a renewed sense of protection. This year administrators have a tool to better protect students and staff members in hazardous weather situations. SkyGuard is a weather risk warning service, provided by WeatherData Services Inc., an AccuWeather® company, is now being used by the school district.

In a word, the deciding factor for enlisting the SkyGuard service is “safety” according to Mike Carroll, Head Athletic Trainer/Assistant Athletic Director for Stephenville schools. The customized service provides advanced site-specific weather warnings for each campus, delivering alerts for lightning, tornados, and extreme temperatures. “Everyone in the district benefits,” he said. “Our students, staff and patrons are all safer with AccuWeather.”

Administrators will receive notification from the SkyGuard service when storms producing lightning are within 12 miles of their location with 20 minutes advance warning; and then another notification when they are within 6 miles of the location.

Stephenville will also receive tornado warnings with approximately 20 to 30 minutes advance notice. In summer, SkyGuard will issue extreme temperature warnings to the school in situations where there is heat of 105 degrees or higher. The SkyGuard service also guarantees the availability of a meteorologist for consultation, 24/7/365.

“The district has a plan for all conditions, but SkyGuard gives us the ability to act on the plan!” says Carroll.

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SkyGuard is a comprehensive weather risk management solution that aids businesses and organizations by maximizing safety while avoiding unnecessary warnings, thereby optimizing their operations. SkyGuard delivers highly-detailed, site-specific forecast and warning information for each facility that is customized to each organization's activities, while at the same time monitoring and advising on critical thresholds such as temperature, precipitation, wind or lightning strikes.

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