StormReady in a Box
Application Element 2-6: Weather Information Distribution

Purpose: The StormReady Supporter application requires that the building have three or more methods of communication of weather information across the building written in its Emergency Operations Plan.

Instructions to Teacher: This element should be fulfilled by the building’s EOP in place. Read through the building’s Emergency Operations Plan and determine which methods are prescribed to communicate weather hazards with the building. Simply check off the methods used for communication on the StormReady Supporter application. Remember, you must have at least three methods to be a StormReady Supporter.

If your building needs additional methods or if they need to be derived from scratch, it is recommended that you work with your building administration in order to figure out the methods of communication are most appropriate. The NWS Chicago Hazardous Weather Preparedness Manual (located in Reference Documents Folder) provides a very nice chart of different methods to distribute weather information across the building and interested parties, while explain the good things and caveats of each method.

While the StormReady in a Box project does not have student involvement in this element, you may decide to create a student discussion/activity for it. Like most of the other EOP elements, there may be technical or sensitive information, or other general material beyond the understanding or scope of a Junior High School student.