



Press Release

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Berkshire Gas Donates \$1,100 to Capeless School for Emergency Plan

Following an intensive summer long planning effort by Capeless School faculty and parents, comprehensive emergency plans have been developed for the school. This initiative, sponsored by the Pittsfield Public School System, encompassed a wide-variety of potential emergency scenarios that could occur at the school, or external events that would require some level of emergency response or protocol at Capeless.

The newly developed emergency plans encompass the full spectrum of possibilities ranging from events that call for a short-term response to events that could require the sheltering of the entire faculty and student body for up to 72 hours. The development of appropriate response scenarios with highly detailed procedures, instructions and contingencies was a primary component of this exercise.

In planning for the implementation of the various response scenarios, a list of supplies necessary for maintaining control and safety was also developed. That list included items such as emergency blankets, particle respirator masks, glow sticks, solar hand crank radios and flashlights to be located in each classroom.

At the request of the faculty and parent planning group, Berkshire Gas was pleased to fully underwrite the \$1,100.00 cost of the necessary materials and supplies to be stockpiled for emergency response purposes.

Berkshire Gas and Capeless School have been business partners in education for more than 15 years and work cooperatively on a variety of ventures during the school year. In addition to providing the funds for the emergency planning supplies, employees volunteer at the annual Capeless School field day. The Company has also provided underwriting for faculty development at Columbia Teachers College and for summer educational programs for students.