# DISASTER "UN"PREPAREDNESS

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#### MISTAKE MADE

Assuming we would only get rain and maybe some wind

### **AFTER THE STORM**

- Managers physically check schools as soon as safe to travel
  - Physical condition of building
  - Power to coolers / freezers
- Reported back to me any power outages
- Reported power outages to Maintenance Department
- Created rough chart of schools without power
  - Clock starts with call
  - Set schedule for checking on buildings

## **AFTER THE STORM**

- Superintendent, Principals, and Department Directors (who could safely travel) met on Thursday at Central Location to discuss:
  - Which buildings had damages
  - Extent of damage
  - Estimate timeframe to get building "student ready"
- Decision made to close schools for week to make repairs and be fully ready to receive students back on campuses

#### **AFTER THE STORM**

- Determine which school(s) would have biggest \$\$ loss if power outage is prolonged
- Start planning to move inventory to sites that have power (and space)
  - After 36 hours, 10 out of 18 schools still without power
- Put out "all call" to anyone who could help move food
- Continued to monitor temperature of coolers/freezer and we tracked time



- Power was not restored to all schools until Tuesday of the following week
- Ultimately, we lost complete inventory of 6 schools and partial inventory at 4 more
  - Document losses
  - Arrange for disposal

## **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Hope for the best, but plan for the worst
- Purchase generators
  - Could have possibly saved an additional 2-3 freezers