Rather get a text message than a phone call?

Parents and Guardians:

We recently switched school-to-home communication providers and need your permission to send text messages from this new system.

There are only two requirements for a recipient to receive text messages: the cell number to which you would like to receive text messages must be in the system, and you must opt-in to receive text messages. Doing so will allow you to receive important school updates to your mobile phone.

How do you do this?

1. Check your child’s Emergency Information Form. Be sure that the numbers in the cellular phone # field are accurate. These are the numbers that are eligible to receive text messages. **If no number is entered in that field, no text messages can be sent.**
2. Send a message of “Y” or “YES” to our school’s short code number, 67587.

Texting will be “activated” on September 4, 2018. If you have not opted-in and your cell number is in the system, you will get an automated opt-in text. If a recipient’s cellular phone number is changed, or a new number is added in our database, the new number will automatically be sent an opt-in text. You may opt-out at any time.

Volusia Connect, provided by SchoolMessenger, is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

*Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:*

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.