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TO All State Administrative Agency Heads
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SUBJECT: NOAA Public Alert Radio Program

As some of you may have heard already, this week the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Department of Education, and the Department of Homeland Security are partnering to launch a significant nationwide project to distribute 80,000 NOAA Public Alert Radios to every U.S. public school. The distribution is the national rollout of a successful 2005 pilot program conducted in two states and 20 Urban Areas.

We hope Citizen Corps Councils in your state will take advantage of this opportunity by reaching out to their school districts and offering assistance with setting up and testing the radios. By volunteering their support, state, local, tribal and territorial Citizen Corps Councils have a great opportunity to help ensure that our nation's public schools have early warnings of local hazards. For more information on the program, please see the attached documents, which include a support request to all of our Councils, along with information for volunteers who choose to participate in the Public Alert Radio initiative. The National Office of Citizen Corps will be distributing these documents to all of our Councils by Friday of this week.

Please Note: This bulletin is for your information only. NOAA is scheduled to distribute its press release next week, so we ask that you do not forward this information until the official press release is published. We will also be on the SLGC Call on Thursday, September 28 to provide you additional information and answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the G&T Helpline at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov.