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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO LAUNCH NEW PHASE OF STUDENT MEAL DISTRIBUTION PLAN

New distribution schedule, new sites aimed at making it easier for parents to obtain meals

PATERSON – District officials said today that a new phase of the district’s student meal distribution will begin on Wednesday, March 25th, and that a roster of new distribution sites will go into effect on Monday, March 30th. The changes in the district’s student meal distribution plan are aimed at making it easier for parents and guardians to obtain meals and student instruction packets while schools are closed.

Beginning Wednesday, March 25th, parents and guardians will pick up student meals twice a week. On Wednesday, parents and guardians will be able to pick up enough student meals for three days (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). When the sites reopen on Monday, parents and guardians will be able to pick up enough student meals for two days (Monday and Tuesday). The sites will continue to be open on Mondays and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until further notice.

Beginning Monday, March 30th, a new roster of distribution sites will go into effect. The locations are at the end of this press release.

“All of the new distribution sites are district schools, which makes it convenient for parents and guardians to obtain meals for their children as well as any instructional packets they request or materials we may need to disseminate in the coming days,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “I want to thank everyone who helped us launch the student meal distribution program last week including Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly, Paterson Fire Chief Brian McDermott, and the leaders of the Paterson faith-based community including the Rev. Princess Curry at Koinonia Christian Ministries, Pastor Marcus Debnam at the Mighty Sons of God Fellowship Church, the Rev. Kenneth Clayton at St. Luke Baptist Church and Pastor Alfred Steele at Seminary Baptist Church. I would be remiss if I didn’t also thank my administrative team, the Facilities Department, the Food Services Department and the many volunteers who have been helping us with the student meal distribution efforts.”

For the latest updates in the district’s student meal distribution efforts while schools are closed, please visit the COVID-19 page on the district’s website and click on the “Student Meal Distribution” tab.

The 14 student meal distribution sites that will go into effect on Monday, March 30th are:
In Ward 1:
Public School No. 28, 200 Presidential Blvd.
Public School No. 12, 121 North Second Street

In Ward 2:
Public School No. 7, 106 Ramsey Street
Public School No. 19, 31 James Street

In Ward 3:
Public School No. 20, 500 East 37th Street
STARS Academy, 765 14th Avenue
Paterson Riverside Veterans Recreation Center, 161 Fifth Avenue.

In Ward 4:
Public School No. 21, 322 10th Avenue
St. Luke Baptist Church, 139 Carroll Street

In Ward 5:
The Full Service Community Center, 518 Market Street
The Great Falls Academy (GFA) Program at Public School No. 11, 350 Market Street
Temple Shalom, 586 Main Street

In Ward 6:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Complex, 851 East 28th Street
Public School No. 9, 6 Timothy Street

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