

Student Meal Dist. Changes/No School After April 1 Robocall Script

Read by: Superintendent Shafer

Audience: All PPS Parents and Staff

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This is Paterson Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer.

Over the weekend, Governor Murphy made it explicitly clear in his “Stay at Home” executive order that schools cannot operate. Until that order is lifted, Paterson Public Schools will not reopen. Therefore, Paterson Public Schools will NOT reopen on Wednesday, April 1st.

Plans are underway in the district for continuing student instruction at home after April 1st. The details of those plans will be released to parents and guardians as soon as possible.

The governor’s executive order does make allowances for our schools to be open on a limited basis for non-educational reasons such as student meal distribution and other essential, non-educational services. Therefore, the Paterson Public Schools student meal distribution plan will continue.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th, parents and guardians will be able to pick up enough student meals for their children to last three days...Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be no student meal distribution on Thursday and Friday.

On Monday, March 30th, parents and guardians will be able to pick up enough student meals for their children to last two days...Monday and Tuesday.

We will continue to distribute student meals twice a week...on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m....until further notice.

Also, on Monday, March 30th, a new roster of meal distribution sites will go into effect.

The new 14 meal distribution sites starting Monday will be:

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 at 586 Main Street

In Ward 6:

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

Again, these are the sites that will be opening on Monday, March 30th.

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.

I want to thank all of you...the parents and guardians...who have been working with us through this unusual time. Please know that our top priority is to do everything we can to keep your children fed and learning.

Thank you and please continue to be safe. We will keep in touch with you.