

School Closures/Clarifying Student Packets & Meals Robocall Script

Read by: Superintendent Shafer

Audience: All PPS Families & Staff

Broadcast times: Monday, May 4th 6:30 p.m.

Languages: English

Script:

This is Paterson Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer.

Today, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy declared that our schools will remain closed through the end of the current school year. I commend the governor for his decision, which was based on his consultation of health professionals and scientific data.

We will continue to provide our students with meals on Mondays and Wednesdays at the designated sites, which I will review in a moment.

Please know that parents and guardians are able to drop off completed instructional packets at any of our food distribution sites at any time. Or if you prefer not to come out to the sites in order to maintain social distancing, you can either email completed packets directly to your child's teachers...or wait to turn in the packets when schools reopen.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, meals for all students will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The distribution sites for student meals or to drop off completed student packets is as follows.

If your child goes to:

Public School No. 2, 3, 8, International High School or Garrett Morgan Academy

Then pick up student meals at

Public School No. 3, 448 Main Street

If your child goes to:

Public School No. 9 or the Dr. Hani Awadallah School

Then pick up student meals at

Public School No. 9, 6 Timothy Street

If your child goes to:

Public Schools No. 4, 12, 14, 28, Norman S. Weir, Urban Leadership Academy or Young Men's Leadership Academy

Then pick up student meals at

Public School No. 28, 200 Presidential Boulevard

If your child goes to:

Public School No. 6 or the Edward W. Kilpatrick School

Then pick up student meals at

Edward W. Kilpatrick School, 295 Ellison Street

If your child goes to:

Public Schools No. 16, 20, 24, 25, MLK, STARS Academy, the Early Learning Center or the Rosa Parks High School

Then pick up student meals at

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, 851 E. 28th St.

If your child goes to:

Public Schools No. 1, 10, 13, 18, 21, and 26

Then pick up student meals at

Public School No. 21, 322 10th Avenue

If your child goes to:

Public Schools No. 5, 7, 19, 27, 29, Dale Ave., DBT, JFK

Then pick up student meals at

J.F. Kennedy Ed. Complex, 61-127 Preakness Ave.

If your child goes to:

Public School No. 15, the Roberto Clemente School, the New Roberto Clemente School, Alexander Hamilton Academy, PANTHER Academy, Eastside High School, HARP Academy, Great Falls Academy the Adult High School or Newcomers...

Then pick up student meals at:

The Madison Avenue Full Service Community Center at 512 Market Street

If you have any questions at all, please leave a message at the Information Call Center.

The Information Call Center is able to receive questions in four languages on four separate phone lines, which are as follows:

- For English, call (973) 321-0609
- For Arabic, call (973) 321-0610
- For Spanish, call (973) 321-0611
- For Bengali, call (973) 321-0612

Callers will get a response from the district as soon as possible. District staff will check messages regularly throughout each day.

Thank you and God bless every one of you.