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## **DISTRICT'S INFORMATION CALL CENTER CAN HELP STUDENTS OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL PACKETS**

PATERSON – Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer informed parents today that if they have a child who has not been able to obtain instructional packets to use while schools are closed, they should leave a phone message at the information call center.

“Leave your name and phone number. We will call you back to ask specific questions and provide instructions on where to pick up the packets,” said Shafer in an automated phone message to the district’s parents.

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

Parents who record their questions at the call center will get a response from the district within 24 hours.

Beginning on March 9th, district educators worked to develop lesson plans and duplicate enough hard copies of them for the district’s students. The purpose of the lesson plans is to keep students’ learning moving forward while district schools are closed in the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

The distribution of those hard copies to students began on Monday, March 16. Principals were at schools today to distribute packets to any student who was absent on Monday.

Packets were also uploaded to each school’s website and are available for download.

Students are required to turn in their completed packets on the first day schools reopen, which is now scheduled to be Wednesday, April 1st, in order to get credit and to receive a grade for the days schools are closed.

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