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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELEASES FOOD DISTRIBUTION PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Two distribution sites planned for each of the city's six wards

PATERSON – In anticipation of school closings due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), district officials completed a food distribution plan to ensure that students and families will still have access to free meals for which they are eligible.

“We know that students and families depend on the school district to help maintain their access to meals,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “Our Food Services Department has developed a plan to distribute food in cooperation with the Paterson Fire Department and local houses of worship. I want to thank everyone who helped develop this plan, Fire Chief McDermott and the pastors of local houses of worship for their kind assistance. We are going to get through this crisis because together, we can.”

In the event that schools close due to COVID-19, breakfast and lunch will be provided from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at designated sites throughout the city. The meals will be sealed and shelf-stable. All of the components of each meal will be in one package. The meals should be brought home and heated in a microwave or conventional oven.

Thanks to the assistance of Paterson Fire Chief Brian McDermott and pastors of local houses of worship, there will be two food distribution sites in each of the City of Paterson's six wards. Students and parents should go to the distribution location closest to their residence. It may be helpful to bring a tote bag.

The distribution locations are:

Ward 1:

Paterson Fire Department (Northside Firehouse), 48 Temple Street
Seminary Baptist Church, 193 Haledon Avenue

Ward 2:

Paterson Fire Department (Headquarters), 290 McBride Avenue
Paterson Fire Department (Hillcrest Firehouse), 221 Union Avenue

Ward 3:

Koinonoa Christian Ministry, 440 East 36th Street
White House/Recreation, 810 Broadway, Eastside Park

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Ward 4:

Paterson Fire Department (Riverside Firehouse), 236 Lafayette Street
St. Luke Baptist Church, 139 Carroll Street

Ward 5:

Paterson Fire Department (Madison Ave. Firehouse), 850 Madison Avenue
Mighty Sons of God, 77 Park Avenue

Ward 6:

Paterson Fire Department (Lakeview Firehouse), 211 23rd Avenue
Southside Firehouse, 124 Getty Avenue

When schools close, parents will be notified immediately.

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