

PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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NEARLY 11,000 MEALS DISTRIBUTED ON DAY 2 OF DISTRICT'S HEALTH-RELATED CLOSURE

Superintendent thanks volunteers, fire department, faith-based organizations, state assemblyman who aided in distribution efforts

PATERSON – Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer reported that 10,860 meals were distributed today, 5,116 more than the previous day. Meals were distributed at the 12 designated sites throughout the City of Paterson.

“We simply could not move thousands of meals a day without the help of the many volunteers who are giving of themselves at each of these distribution sites,” said Shafer. “I am also grateful to Paterson Fire Chief Brian McDermott and everyone on his team for making seven firehouses available, and to N.J. Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly for making the White House Recreation Center in Eastside Park available. And I want to thank the leaders in our religious community for opening their doors and becoming distribution sites – specifically, 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. All of the people who provided space to us have played an enormous role in the efforts to keep Paterson children fed.”

On Tuesday, March 17th – the first day schools were closed – the 12 sites distributed 5,744 meals, making today’s total an 89 percent increase.

While Paterson Public Schools are closed, breakfast and lunch are being provided from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at designated sites throughout the city.

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

Ward 4:

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

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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

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