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SUPERINTENDENT SHAFER COMMENDS GOVERNOR MURPHY’S DECISION TO KEEP SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

PATERSON – Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer released the following statement today in response to Governor Phil Murphy’s decision to keep schools closed through the end of the current school year.

“I commend Governor Murphy for listening to the health professionals and scientific evidence and making the right decision that will protect the safety and wellbeing of 30,000 students and 4,000 staff members,” Shafer said. “From the very beginning of this COVID-19 crisis, Paterson Public Schools began preparing for the possibility that our schools would not reopen for the remainder of the current school year. Now that Governor Murphy has clearly stated we will not reopen this year, we have our plans in place. Students will continue to learn and receive meals from the school district, thanks to the hard work and volunteerism of many selfless individuals. Despite our preparedness, Paterson Public Schools remains on the wrong side of the digital divide, with two-thirds of our students not having devices or access to the internet at home. As our dedicated educators continue to do everything possible to keep our students’ education moving forward, we are continuing our efforts to find resources to put a device in the hands of every one of our students.”

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