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DISTRICT WILL RETURN FROM HOLIDAY BREAK WITH REMOTE LEARNING

Students and staff will work virtually from January 4th to January 18th

PATERSON – Paterson Public Schools officials announced today that, after the upcoming holiday break, students and staff will begin remote learning and remain remote until Tuesday, January 18th. The district’s remote request was made in collaboration with the Paterson Health Officer, Dr. Paul Persaud.

“The rising numbers of COVID-19 cases due to multiple variants are cause for concern for all of us. A surge of new cases has occurred in northeastern New Jersey, and it is expected that the trend will continue through the holiday break,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “That is why I told the Paterson Health Officer of my concerns and asked for his support of my recommendation to begin remote learning throughout the district starting January 4th until January 18th.”

Students are scheduled for a 1 p.m. dismissal on Thursday, December 23rd. The district’s schools and offices will be closed for the holiday break from Friday, December 24th through Monday, January 3rd. The period of remote learning will begin Tuesday, January 4th and the district’s schools and offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th.

This announcement follows Superintendent Shafer’s decision yesterday for Eastside High School and Kennedy High School students to switch to remote learning for the remainder of this week.

Superintendent Shafer added how much she appreciated the efforts to the district’s nursing staff.

“There is a shortage of nurses throughout the state and the nation,” Shafer said. “We have been very fortunate to have the dedication of Nursing Supervisor Kimler Williamson and her team who have been doing a phenomenal job in managing the district’s nursing needs since the beginning of the pandemic. Ms. Williamson continues to provide nursing support to those schools that need it, making sure that COVID-19 cases are reported and that the contact tracing gets done.”

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