

September 10, 2017

CCPS to close schools and offices Tuesday, September 12 District to continue close monitoring of Hurricane Irma

JONESBORO – In addition to closing schools and offices for Monday, September 11, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will close schools and offices Tuesday, September 12. This includes all after school and extracurricular activities. Scheduled athletic contests will be postponed to a later date. The school district will use Tuesday, September 12 to assess buildings and ensure safe passage on all roads in order to resume school on Wednesday, September 13. Critical personnel (maintenance, school principals, etc.) will conduct the assessment to assure everyone that all conditions are clear for our schools to resume a regular schedule on Wednesday, September 13.

This decision to close is being made in anticipation of severe inclement weather associated with Hurricane Irma based on information from Clayton County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service. As we consider our next steps, we will continue to work collaboratively with metro and surrounding school districts as well as county and city governments. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates of any changes to all stakeholders.

As a reminder, "we encourage families to prepare by filling gas tanks, stocking up on nonperishable food items, taking shelter, and making their homes safe and secure," CCPS Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley said. "If you have to go out during this time, be aware of downed power lines caused by fallen trees or poles and any possible flooding you may encounter," Beasley added. "Always remember what is most important during events like this."

We encourage everyone to be safe and to stay connected for updated information regarding Hurricane Irma and the status of our schools through the following methods:

- Our weather stations of record, WSB-TV (Channel 2) and WSB radio (750 AM and 95.5 FM)
- CCPS SchoolMessenger phone and email
- CCPS Infinite Campus portal
- CCPS Information e-blast to employees and stakeholders
- CCPS Channel 24
- CCPS Website: <u>www.clayton.k12.ga.us</u>
- CCPS Social Media platforms and CCPS Mobile APP

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 54,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S., and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.