

September 8, 2017

## **Clayton County Public Schools monitors Hurricane Irma**

Anticipates a decision on school status by 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9

Clayton County Public Schools weather crisis team is closely monitoring all information that is being released by local, state, and national authorities regarding Hurricane Irma and will continue to do so until the potential threat to our area ends. Decisions regarding the status of our school day and extracurricular activities will be made based on information received from these sources using our Inclement Weather Protocol that is posted on our website

(http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/news/district news/things to know inclement weather/).

We anticipate making and communicating a decision for Monday (Sept. 11) by 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, and making and communicating a decision for Tuesday (Sept. 12) by 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 10.

Please know that any decision will be made in the best interest of safety for our students and their families. 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
- CCPS Channel 24
- Website: <u>www.clayton.k12.ga.us</u>
- CCPS Social Media platforms and App

As the storm approaches and arrives, we encourage families to prepare by filling gas tanks, stocking up on nonperishable food items, taking shelter, and making their homes safe and secure. Be aware of down power lines caused by fallen trees or poles. Teen drivers should remain home and refrain from driving during harsh weather conditions. Due to a high level of evacuation traffic flowing through our region, everyone is encouraged to drive with extra care and patience. Always remember what is most important during events like this. As stated earlier, decisions regarding the status of our school day and extracurricular activities will be made based on the most up-to-date information. We anticipate making and communicating a decision for Monday (Sept. 11) by 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9.

As always, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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