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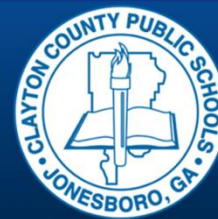
# ADVISORY

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## **Clayton County Public Schools will close schools and offices on Monday, September 11 Due to Hurricane Irma**

**JONESBORO-** Based on information from Clayton County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, heavy rains, high winds and the strong possibility of tornados associated with Hurricane Irma are predicted for our area beginning Monday, September 11. Utilizing the district’s inclement weather protocol, featuring collaborative monitoring of forecasts by district leadership and with a focus on student/employee safety, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcase J. Beasley, has decided to close all schools and offices for Monday, September 11.

“We believe it is in the best interest to close schools and offices until the weather threat has subsided and allows for the safe return of our students and employees,” said Dr. Beasley. “We will make a decision as to the status of school on Tuesday, September 12, by 8 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday (September 10), and we will continue to monitor and assess forecasts as we look further into the coming week.”

This decision extends to all afterschool programs and extracurricular activities. Middle School and High School volleyball games have been postponed to a later date.

“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,” he said. “Teen drivers should remain home and refrain from driving during harsh weather conditions.”

“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.”

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 and stakeholders
- CCPS Channel 24
- CCPS Website: [www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us)
- CCPS Social Media platforms and CCPS Mobile APP

For more information on inclement weather protocols visit the Clayton County Public Schools website at, [http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/news/district\\_news/things\\_to\\_know\\_inclement\\_weather/](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/news/district_news/things_to_know_inclement_weather/).

## **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.

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