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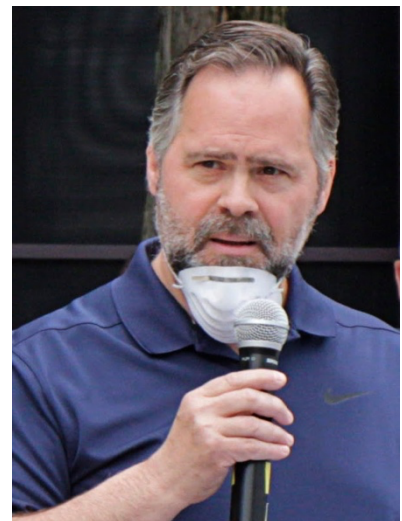
PPS, Community Organizations To Launch Student Meal Delivery Pilot Program

District officials and community leaders are planning to launch a pilot program to provide home delivery of student meals. Paterson Public Schools families will use an online tool to determine their eligibility for the program. Success of the program will help determine whether it can be expanded to more district families

“As long as this pandemic continues, we simply cannot do enough to keep our students’ food secure,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “This is a great collaboration between the district, United Way of Passaic County and other partnering organizations to bring student meals to those who could not otherwise get them.”

Shafer thanked Food Services Department Executive Director David Buchholtz and his team for their efforts.

Through state emergency COVID-19 funding, the ModivCare



Buchholtz



File photo

(formerly known as LogistiCare) transportation company can provide two vehicles to make deliveries on the two days when student meals are distributed, Mondays and Thursdays. Meal deliverers will call or text the households prior to their arrival, giving families advance notice of the meals being delivered.

Eligible families will register online for the program. The pilot program will try to accommodate as many families as possible. “This will be a learning experience for all of us. But we hope to apply what we learn through the pilot program to make this service available to all district families who need it,” Shafer said.

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Superintendent, BOE President applaud state's COVID-19 education plan

Student learning loss, mental health needs of students & staff to be addressed



Shafer

Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer and Paterson Board of Education President Kenneth L. Simmons applauded initiatives announced by N.J. Governor Philip Murphy and acting N.J. Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan in February to address student learning loss and the mental health needs of students and staff.



Simmons

The governor and acting education commissioner announced that the state would use \$1.2 billion in federal aid for New Jersey schools, 90 percent of which would be made available for school districts to apply for competitive grants for pandemic-related needs. The state will also make available \$75 million in competitive grants to help address students' learning loss. The funding will help provide summer learning programs, one-on-one tutoring, and other supportive measures. Additionally, the state will provide \$30 million in non-competitive grants for school-based mental health services for students and staff.

"What Governor Murphy and Commissioner Allen-McMillan have announced today will help address some of our students and staff members' most acute needs during this pandemic. Their plan also looks to best position students and staff for future success after the pandemic has ended. We greatly appreciate the high priority they have placed on addressing the needs of our students and staff, and never forgetting the importance of maintaining progress in our students' education," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. "Paterson Public Schools' educators have the ingenuity and creativity to develop effective ways to address learning loss. The plan that was announced today will help make sure educators have the resources to implement those plans for the benefit of the students."

"Clearly, Governor Murphy and Commissioner Allen-McMillan want to see New Jersey's students emerge from this health crisis with their education intact and on track for future success," said Paterson Board of Education President Kenneth L. Simmons. "The pandemic has not clouded their vision for enabling school districts to do everything possible to keep students moving forward in their education. And they are providing vital resources to help protect the mental health of our students and staff. We appreciate these measures taken by the state's high-ranking officials and look forward to working in partnership with them moving forward."

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The governor and acting state education commissioner also announced that an application would be made for a federal waiver for standardized tests. This measure would help maximize the amount of instruction time for students.

Tech Firm Donates K-5 Math Texts To PPS

Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer and Assistant Superintendent Joanna Tsimpedes welcomed representatives from the Mahwah-based software company Radware to the district’s Central Office building. The Radware reps delivered the company’s donation of mathematics textbooks for grades kindergarten through five.

The donation, which was facilitated by Paterson Education Fund Executive Director Rosie Grant, was made through Radware’s Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

“We are all so thankful that the people at Radware reached out to us in search of ways they could help support public education in the state’s third-largest city,” said Grant. “Providing these resources fulfills a very pronounced need of Paterson



Grant

students, and it will have a direct impact on elementary school students.”

“We greatly appreciate the generous donation of these valuable educational resources to our students,” said Shafer. “It comes at a time when we anticipate attending to our students’ postpandemic learning needs. Having cutting-edge and effective learning resources is a great help in those efforts.”

The Radware company donated 20 two-volume copies of enVision’s *Mathematics for Grades K5*, a math program that combines problem-based learning and visual learning to deepen students’ conceptual understanding.



From left, Assistant Superintendent Joanna Tsimpedes, Radware Human Resources Vice President Noreen Rosica, Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer, Radware Human Resources Assistant Taryn Murray Photo by Daniel Juan

YMLA Students Learn Life Lessons From Financial Assets Manager



Smith

Young Men’s Leadership Academy (YMLA) students in February had the opportunity to take part in the 14th installment of the Eagle Academy Town Hall series featuring Robert F. Smith, Founder, Chairman & CEO of Vista Equity Partners.

The Eagle Academy for Young Men in the South Bronx was the first single-sex boys public school to open in New York City in approximately 30 years, with David C. Banks current President and CEO of The Eagle Foundation serving as its founding principal.

YMLA students were invited to attend this Town Hall because of the partnership between them and Eagle Academy. Among the takeaways Smith were the joy of figuring things out, the importance of learning how to learn, and knowing what you can do about the world that you live in.

NY Giants Donates Gear To EHS, JFK Football Programs



Cleats, gloves, helmets, t-shirts and warm-ups were among the items recently donated by the New York Giants to the Eastside and Kennedy football programs.

Ethan Medley, the team's director of community relations and youth football programs delivered enough gear for both teams on a recent Friday afternoon.

Eastside Football Head Coach James Magazine said that the donated equipment will make a big difference in helping both district football programs prepare for next season.

Clockwise from left, Interim Eastside Athletic Director T.J. Hill, NY Giants Community Relations Director Ethan Medley, Eastside Head Football Coach James Magazine, Eastside Guard and Tackle Shakeem Senior. Photo by Paul Brubaker

PACE To Offer Medical Vocabulary Course

Continuing its mission of offering effective and relevant educational opportunities for the adult learning community of Paterson and beyond, the Paterson Adult and Continuing Education (PACE) program will be providing a free pre-apprenticeship program in medical terminology during the Spring 2021 semester.

The program is designed to equip both adult English as a second language and high school equivalency students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in academic apprenticeship programs at local colleges and universities that required for certifications in medical fields including billing and coding, sonography, phlebotomy, nursing, as well as medical and dental assistance. Classes will meet for 90 minutes twice a week for 14 weeks from March to June.

To enroll, call PACE at 973-321-0760 or email Principal Nora Hoover at nhoover@paterson.k12.nj.us.



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Important Dates

- Mar. 5:** Staff In-Service
1:00 p.m. Student Dismissal
- Mar. 8:** Special Board of Education Meeting*
5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 10:** Progress Reports (pre-K–12)
- Innerfaith Performing Arts Student Art and Essay Contest
Event will be live-streamed at pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents.
3:00 p.m.
- Board of Education Workshop Meeting*
6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17:** Alonso “Tambua” Moody Academy Ribbon Cutting
350 Market Street
11:00 a.m. (Rain date, Mar. 18th at 11 a.m.)
- Board of Education Regular Meeting*
6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 19:** PEA Day
1:00 p.m. Student Dismissal



PARENT UNIVERSITY
March Calendar
Workshops for Students and Parents

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3/2/21: PreK-3 Google Classroom & Special Education
(overview of Google Classroom features)

3/3/21: Google Sites
(how to create websites for students to submit standard based performance tasks)

3/9/21: Home Makerspace/ STEAM
(a hands-on method for STEAM learning, giving students space to explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics)

3/10/21: Envision Math
(new mathematics program for elementary students, has many online resources)

3/23/21: Internet Safety & Parental Control
(best practices on how students can stay safe on the internet and what parents can do to monitor them)

3/30/21: Making a portfolio with Google Slides
(how students use Google Docs to create a portfolio)

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