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CCPS Will Not Schedule Make-Up Days Due to Hurricane Irma

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) has announced that it will not schedule any make-up days for those missed during arrival and aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

“Our district has received numerous inquiries regarding the impact of these days and whether or not we would schedule make-up days,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “The fact that Clayton County was part of Governor Deal’s declaration of a state of emergency, weighed heavily in our deliberations.”

“While our leadership discussed the question at length, and even determined a list of designated inclement weather make-up days, he added, “our decision not to schedule make-up days is permitted as part of our Strategic Waiver School Systems (SWSS) agreement with the state.”

As a SWSS school district, CCPS has included waivers from O.C.G.A. 20-2-168 and State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.02 School Day and School Year for Students and Employees regarding the number of days and hours of instruction required in a school year. This means that the decision to make-up school days missed for any reason is at the discretion of our superintendent and Board of Education with the understanding that the student performance accountability terms for our contract remain in place.

“We are making this decision with the understanding that we may have additional inclement weather resulting from hurricane season and/or this winter and may need to schedule make-up days to recover class time missed,” said Dr. Beasley. “Also, we feel it is important to provide our students and our employees with a Fall Break and Staff Development Day in October. The three days we closed school due to Hurricane Irma, could not be considered a break in the truest sense of the word.”

“Please know that in all of our decisions, our intent is to provide our students with the highest quality education that will create life-long learners who are college and career ready,” he added.

For more information about CCPS inclement weather policies and procedures or to view proposed make-up days in the event of inclement weather, visit the website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us.

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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