



Southwest Snapshot

January 10th, 2021

During a special called meeting, members of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to remain in Plan C for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

"Our board's decision will allow our students to stay with their current teachers for the duration of the school year," said Superintendent Pascal Mubenga. "We will be able to keep our students and staff safe while ensuring continuity of learning. We will keep improving online learning, and we will come back to the board next month with proposals to provide safe, voluntary opportunities for English language learners and students in self-contained classrooms."

The district will continue to monitor data surrounding COVID-19 and will provide supportive services to families and staff through the remainder of the school year. DPS's Learning Centers will remain open.



The P-EBT program helps families buy food when school is closed because of COVID-19. The P-EBT program distributed funds in the spring and fall and it is being extended through September 2021.

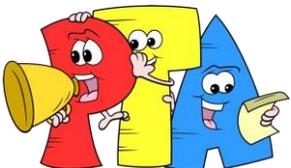
Students who received free and reduced lunch last year are automatically enrolled in the P-EBT program. However, families who are new to DPS or families who have had a recent change in income may be eligible for P-EBT. Families can complete the school lunch application to determine if they qualify for free and reduced lunch. Those who qualify will automatically be enrolled in the P-EBT program. See the [Fact Sheet](#) about the P-EBT program with additional information about how to enroll. Some families may be concerned about P-EBT affecting their immigration status. It does not affect immigration status. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to get P-EBT. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT.

DPS school lunch application: <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>



Save the Date

Curriculum Distribution for Q3 will be Wednesday, January 20th.



PTA Engagement meeting ~ On January 12th at 6pm, the first PTA meeting of the year will be focused on technology needs. Families are invited to submit technology questions prior to the meeting. [Here](#) is the link to register for the meeting.