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Dayton Avenue Education Complex and School No. 17

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the district closing School No. 17?

A: The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) has agreed to begin construction on the Dayton Avenue Education Complex, investing \$210 million to build four new schools to support more than 2,700 Passaic students. In order for the construction to begin, we will have to vacate the property where the Temporary Classroom Units (TCUs) currently stand.

Q: My child would have attended School No. 17 next year. Which school will they now attend?

A: Pre-K through Grade 1 students will be advised of their new school assignments by the end of the school year.

Q: My child is currently assigned to School No. 17. How will students be assigned to their new school?

For PreK Students:

A: We are working closely with the NJSDA to identify additional locations for temporary classrooms, and will work to place PreK students in or near their neighborhood school.

For K- 6 Students:

A: At the June 6, 2017 Board of Education meeting, attendance zones near and around School No. 17 were adjusted. Your child will be assigned to the appropriately zoned neighborhood school.

Q: Will my child who currently attends School No. 17 be placed at the same school as their older sibling?

A: Students in grades K-6 will attend their neighborhood school, based on the approved zoning map.

Q: Where will the School No. 17 teachers be next school year?

A: School No. 17 teachers will be reassigned to classrooms at other district schools.

Q: Where will School No. 17 administrators be next school year?

A: School No. 17 administrators will be reassigned to other district schools.

Q: What will the district do with the supplies and instructional materials from School No. 17?

A: Information is being prepared for teachers regarding how to pack up their classrooms. All supplies and instructional materials from School No. 17 will be relocated to classrooms opening in September 2017.

Q: How will students be assigned to schools when the Dayton Avenue Education Complex is finished?

A: Students will be assigned to schools based on newly created neighborhood zones and special programs as established by the Board of Education. We will communicate with the community prior to the opening of the new schools. The anticipated opening of the complex is September 2022.