



A MESSAGE

FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Parents and Staff,

Out of an abundance of caution, Superintendent Mike Burke has made the decision to close District-operated schools and offices on Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10, as [Tropical Storm Nicole](#) continues to track closer to Florida's east coast.

Additionally, all athletic practices and competitions at the middle and high school levels are canceled for Wednesday and Thursday. Also, effective immediately, all athletic practices previously scheduled for today, November 8, are canceled.

The District is working closely with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) to determine make-up dates for football playoff games. The rescheduling of all other athletic events will be determined on a school-by-school basis once the District reopens.

All School-based leases are also canceled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Palm Beach County's Department of Emergency Management determines when emergency shelters are open. At this time, the District has been directed to open six school-based shelters beginning tomorrow at 7 a.m. The shelters are: Independence Middle School, Palm Beach Gardens High School, Palm Beach Central High School, Park Vista High School, Lake Shore Middle School and Pahokee Middle-Senior High.

Specifics regarding shelter rules, as well as all District-related updates, will continually be shared via email and phone, and updated on the [District's designated Storm Update webpage](#).

That webpage contains important information about the storm's potential impact on our School District, along with information about emergency contacts, county and state updates, and resources for supporting young children who may be frightened by the storm.

"We have been watching Tropical Storm Nicole closely before making our decision to close schools," Superintendent Mike Burke said. I will continue to work closely with emergency managers and make timely decisions in the best interest of our students and staff. I do not

anticipate that the District will need to make up the two days I have designated that we will close this week.”

While schools and District offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, employees will be notified by their supervisors if they are needed to report to work for storm-related support.

Thank you for your support of the School District of Palm Beach County. Please stay safe and remain informed.