

## To All Principals and Staff:

### WEATHER ALERT

A large area of high-pressure aloft will bring a couple of days of intense heat, poor air quality and high pollen counts to the Northeast. The Facilities Team under the direction of COO Will Clark and Superintendent **Dr. Carol D. Birks** has taken the initiative to be proactive throughout the New Haven Public School District in order to be prepared for the forecasted weather. The following is a list of criteria to be used at the schools to ensure the comfort and safety of the students and staff:

### Precautions ongoing by the Facilities Department to date

- ✓ Preventative Maintenance in preparation for cooling season
- ✓ Filter change program provides best possible indoor air quality
- ✓ Staff and Contractors on call to respond to HVAC issues
- ✓ Increased the number of maintenance teams available to respond to emergencies in the field
- ✓ In-house tradesmen trained and responding
- ✓ 24/7 monitoring of centralized energy systems and temperatures
- ✓ Coordination with local and state partners to monitor weather patterns and conditions
- ✓ Extension of system run times to maintain temperature in building
- ✓ Redirect motors and pumps to run off-peak hours
- ✓ Cycle air-conditioners on to conserve electricity and avoid spikes in usage
- ✓ Dissemination of fans and cooling support to non-AC schools
- ✓ Increased supply of bottled water through the Food Services Program

### Precautions that must be adhered to by Schools' Personnel

The following is a list of criteria that must be employed by school personnel and staff in order to maximize the environment for students and staff

- ✓ Close shades and drapes where appropriate
- ✓ Due to inevitable overtaxing of the electrical grid, restrict electrical use wherever possible so electricity operating the cooling system will be directed where needed
- ✓ Shut down non-essential electronic devices in order to allow appropriate energy flow to potentially overtaxed cooling systems
- ✓ Turn off all unnecessary lighting including hallway lights
- ✓ Turn off computers not in use
- ✓ Unplug all phone chargers
- ✓ Limit physical and outdoor activities for students
- ✓ Allow for breaks and hydration of students and staff throughout the day
- ✓ **Emergencies should be called into the service response number: 203-691-3900**
- ✓ It is vitally important to utilize the work-order system and protocols to streamline service response to any issues and system failures
- ✓ Use of the work-order system allows the facilities department to prioritize requests, allocate our resources and track results in the most efficient manner

## Cooling Center Modifications During Coronavirus Pandemic:

NEW HAVEN — The city will open cooling centers and splash pads, providing residents an opportunity to get out of the heat and humidity.



The Kennedy Hall of Records, located at 200 Orange St., will be open Sunday through Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We want our all residents in this City to have access to reliable, cool spaces during the incoming heatwave,” said Mayor Justin Elicker as part of the release. “City Officials will continue to monitor the weather so that we can handle the need for additional cooling centers that may be in demand.”

“if the need arises, the City will open all public libraries to serve as cooling centers on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the following locations for the general public:

- **Fair Haven Branch Library is located at 182 Grand Ave.;**
- **Mitchell Branch Library is located at 37 Harrison Street;**
- **Stetson Branch Library is located at 200 Dixwell Avenue in the Dixwell Plaza;**
- **Courtland Seymour Wilson Branch Library is located at 303 Washington Avenue.”**

Splash pads are also available to residents across the city from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,

- South Genesee Park
- Lincoln-Bassett School
- Edgewood Park
- Kensington Playground
- Scantlebury Park
- Ann Street Playground
- Jocelyn Square Park
- Cedar Hill Playground
- Trowbridge Square Park
- Criscuolo Park
- Lewis Street Park
- Dover Beach
- Galvin Playground
- Lighthouse Point Park





## Heat Wave Alert

In the wake of the anticipated heat wave, New Haven Public Schools are urging people to take heed of tips on coping in hot weather. There's some good common sense advice available on how to keep cool in the heat wave:

- Relocate to air conditioned or cool space within the building
- Stay away from sodas, juice, tea, coffee or milk. DRINK WATER!!
- Keep a jug of water in the refrigerator.
- Drinking or eating icy cold or frozen things (i.e. ice cream, slushy) can be counter-productive because it cools your body core only, fooling your body's temperature control mechanism.
- Keep supplies of nourishing food you can eat cold if hot meals lose their appeal.
- Don't leave ground floor doors or windows open if you are not in the room.
- Keep curtains drawn in windows that get the most sun, close your blinds. Close the blinds and curtains during the day to block the sun.
- Wear light, loose clothing made from natural fibers.
- Wear a sun hat outside.
- Rest during the warmest part of the day.
- Do not overexert or exercise, sit still. Do not try to fan yourself because it can make you hotter. Trying to move while feeling hot can make you feel hotter.
- Turn off electrical appliances and heat sources. Turn off the stove or other sources of heat. Don't use the stove or oven to cook--eat out, eat cold food, or use the microwave. Incandescent light bulbs also create heat - switch to compact fluorescents.
- Turn off your lamps, as well as your computer when you're not using it.
  - Turn off your TV as it gives off a lot of heat.



New Haven Public Schools are urging friends and family to keep an eye on vulnerable people in the middle of the heat wave. It's important to remember that elderly relatives and young children can be more vulnerable in the hot weather and they need to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

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