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PATERSON STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT CALLS FOR GREATER SPORTSMANSHIP FROM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

Tonight's football game postponed until tomorrow morning following social media taunts

PATERSON – Paterson State District Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer today announced that the high school football game between Paterson's JFK Knights and the Clifton Mustangs has been postponed until tomorrow morning after players on both teams engaged in unbecoming social media conduct.

A video and a written post recently appeared on social media web sites. The video showed JFK Knights players using foul and taunting language. The written post written by a Clifton Mustangs player also included inappropriate and taunting language. The JFK Knights players identified in the video have been benched for one game.

“It is regrettable that our high school football players engaged in this behavior. And I want to make it absolutely clear that Paterson Public Schools has zero tolerance for any level of bullying or demeaning another person,” said Shafer. “The safety of our students, staff and anyone attending a Paterson Public School event is our top priority. I call upon all athletes in Paterson Public Schools to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, both on and off the field. It is our hope that Paterson high school football fans will attend tomorrow's game showing the best sportsmanship and the best of our Paterson Pride.”

Kickoff is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, September 15th at Clifton Stadium.

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