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HEALTH BENEFITS ANSWER SHEET ON MOBILE APP, WEBSITE

Answer Sheet, originally part of Superintendent's November 20 message to district employees, addresses employee-reported health benefits issues

PATERSON – Paterson Public Schools (PPS) administrators today released a Health Benefits “Answer Sheet” on the PPS mobile app and website in an effort to simplify some of the details of the new employee health benefits plan. The Answer Sheet was originally part of Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer’s message to all district employees sent on November 20, and it is based on the employee-reported health benefits issues that have been raised in recent weeks, many of which were reported at an October 17 meeting with teachers that was held in partnership with the Paterson Education Association.

“I cannot overstate how important it is to me that all Paterson Public School District employees and their families have the benefits to which you are entitled, and access to the health care you need,” Shafer stated in her message. “My goal...is to provide you with useful, easy-to-read information about the most commonly reported issues and concerns. It was very important to me that this information be provided to you in the most convenient, user-friendly ways possible.”

Later in her message, Shafer wrote, “This answer sheet is not a final resolution, but a first step. I intend to continue my practice of personally tracking the types of health benefits issues and concerns as they arise, and to maintain my diligence in working with our benefits providers.”

The Paterson Public Schools’ mobile app can be downloaded from most major app providers to employees’ smartphones. The app includes an “Employee Health Benefits” widget, which will take users directly to the “Health Benefits FAQ” page.

The Health Benefits FAQ page can also be found at the district’s web site at:

<https://pps-nj.schoolloop.com/bene>

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