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## NEWS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Lexington District One schools remain closed remainder of week

LEXINGTON, S.C. — Lexington County School District One Schools will remain closed Thursday. District administrators anticipate that the schools will also remain closed Friday.

In anticipation of traffic issues related to evacuations due to Hurricane Florence, Governor Henry McMaster ordered schools closed across Lexington County until further notice. These closings apply to all schools, students and staff, and remain in effect until the governor decided to rescind his original order.

The district has canceled all daytime and evening meetings and events scheduled to take place at any Lexington District One school, performing arts center, field or facility for as long as the order remains in place. This includes all district programs, athletic practices or events, adult education classes, school or district-related meetings, events, or extra-curricular activities scheduled.

However, on Thursday, Sept. 13, and Friday, Sept. 14, Lexington County School District One will offer free lunch to children 18-years-old and younger at Forts Pond Elementary, Gilbert Middle and White Knoll High schools from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All meals meet federal nutrition standards, must be eaten on site and are provided on a first come, first served basis.

The program, federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered through the S.C. Department of Education and Lexington County School District One, provides and serves meals to children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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**Forts Pond Elementary is located at 7350 Fish Hatchery Road, Pelion, SC 29123. Gilbert Middle is located at 120 Rikard Circle, Gilbert, SC 29054. White Knoll High School is located at 5643 Platt Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29073.**

**District officials will continue to send parents, staff and students information through SchoolMessenger, the district's telephone calling system.**

**Parents can also get updates and information about school openings and closings in Lexington District One by following the district on Facebook or Twitter, checking the district's website at [www.lexington1.net](http://www.lexington1.net), calling the district's 24-hour recorded telephone message center at 803-821-1299, watching local television stations, listening to local radio stations or going to media websites.**

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