



Media Release

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SCHOOLS CLOSING TO OPEN SHELTERS AS HURRICANE IAN APPROACHES

(Bradenton, FL – September 26, 2022) All School District of Manatee County Schools will be closed starting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 27th, as we open up shelters for Hurricane Ian. The duration of school closings is not known at this time, and will be dependent on the movement and impact of the storm.

All district school and support sites will also be closed starting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 27th. Therefore, employees not serving in shelters, will be off from work until further notice.

Working in collaboration with Manatee County Emergency Management, the district will be opening up the following 15 schools as shelters beginning Tuesday, September 27th. **Storm shelters will begin accepting evacuees at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning.**

- Nolan Middle School (Special Needs)
- Braden River High School (Pet Friendly)
- Manatee High School (Pet Friendly)
- Mills Elementary School (Pet Friendly)
- Bayshore Elementary School
- Freedom Elementary School
- Gullett Elementary School
- Harvey Elementary School
- Lee Middle School
- Myakka Elementary School
- Miller Elementary School
- McNeal Elementary School
- Rogers Gardens Elementary School
- Williams Elementary School
- Willis Elementary School

For information on how to prepare, and what to bring to a shelter, please visit Manatee County's Emergency Shelters page located at the following website link:

https://manatee.hosted.civillive.com/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/emergency_shelters

We will continue to keep you updated through mass notification phone calls and emails, as well as through our social media sites on Facebook (@ManateeSchoolsGoodNews), and Twitter (@Manateeschools), and on our district website at www.manateeschools.net under Top Stories.