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Onslow County Schools, September 16, 2018 — Hurricane Florence has brought unprecedented devastation to Onslow County. Given the level of damage, the process of evaluating our school facilities has only just begun. However, preliminary reports show varying levels of damage to many, if not all, of our school sites.

Additionally, through our cooperation with Onslow County Emergency Management, several schools have been activated as emergency shelters. Given the damage Onslow County has seen, these shelters may be open for an extended period.

Based on what we have already seen, the process of recovery will be a long one. It is our hope everyone will be able to do what is necessary to take care of yourselves and your families during this challenging time.

In the interest of safety for our students and staff, and to allow for a full evaluation of all school sites, OCS announces the following closure information for the week of September 17, 2018:

- **There will be no school for students from Monday, September 17 through Friday, September 21, 2018.** All after school activities will be cancelled for the same period. OCS Before and After Care will also be closed during this time.
- Unless notified by their supervisor, OCS staff will not work on Monday, September 17th and Tuesday, September 18th. Essential staff will evaluate our sites, and based on the conditions, a decision for the remainder of the week will be made.

We hope everyone will stay safe during the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, and Onslow County Schools staff will continue to monitor conditions. Should any further announcements be necessary, notifications will be sent via our alert system. We will also notify the media, post the information on our district web page, www.onslow.k12.nc.us and share any updates on our social media sites.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students, staff and community safe.

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