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Hello Piscataway Families,

I know you are anxious to hear our plans for the end of the year, and we are doing our best to release that information as soon as it becomes available. Because we must follow State guidelines and directives – and those guidelines and directives continue to evolve on a weekly basis – our plans reflect the latest information we receive from the State and NJ Department of Education.

PHS Class of 2020

We are extremely proud of the PHS Class of 2020. Throughout these past two months, they have continued to work hard, learn, and grow. Those who are taking AP classes are right now in the process of taking their exams, the culmination of a year of college level work. The support the Class of 2020 has shown each other through this time is particularly gratifying, and we want to celebrate the entire class and their achievements in the most allowable way possible.

While just last week, guidelines stated that only virtual graduations were permissible, those guidelines have been somewhat eased. We are now looking into ways we can celebrate this class in addition to a virtual graduation ceremony. We will work with the Piscataway Police Department to create a celebration under the allowable guidelines, and will announce these plans next week. I appreciate your patience as we work through details of celebrating our seniors. Hopefully, the Governor will issue clear directives in the coming days.

Updated 2019-2020 School Calendar

Last night, the Board of Education approved a school year calendar change to include our two unused snow days. The school year is adjusted to take two days off the end of the year. This will make the last day of school this year, Tuesday, June 16, 2020. An updated calendar can be found on District website by clicking on the Calendar Quick Link.

End of Year Building Plans

We will share plans for all students and schools within the coming weeks. This includes awards and moving up ceremonies, as well as plans to retrieve belongings, clean out lockers, etc.

School Counselors

Please continue to reach out to our school counselors for any students struggling during this time. It is difficult for students to deal with so much disappointment. Please reach out to your school counselors for assistance, or students can call or text the Haven hotline directly at 888-222-2228.

Meal Distribution

Please remember that our meal distribution is available to ALL Piscataway families – even if you haven't taken advantage of this service before -- at any of our 13 locations from 9:30am to 11:30am, Monday through Friday: all ten school buildings, the two Children's Corner locations and the Board Office. Meal distribution is via our drive-thru pickup process and "Grab and Go" meal includes breakfast and lunch.

I truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we adapt to so many changes.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Ranelli", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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