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Dear Piscataway Families,

I apologize that we inadvertently forgot to recognize our Third Graders as they move up into Intermediate School. These students and their families also deserve accolades for their hard work and dedication and I have included them here.

Congratulations to the PHS Class of 2020! You finished strong and we look forward to celebrating your accomplishments as you move forward into the next phase of your lives, into college, the workforce, and the military.

Congratulations to our Eighth Graders, our Fifth Graders, and our Third Graders, as they move up and into new schools and new educational opportunities, right here in Piscataway.

And congratulations to all students, families, teachers, and staff. You made it through a difficult year. Your support for each other and for your schools helped us tremendously as we navigated through remote learning. I can't say it enough. Thank you, Piscataway Family.

Virtual Summer Learning

To assist students this summer, and to help prevent "Summer Slide," we will be adding a Virtual Summer Learning tab to our district and K-8 school websites. It will include fun and interesting projects to engage and entertain students while they learn. We will send more information about this soon.

Counseling Available During Summer Months

The Haven, Piscataway's school based mental health program, is planning summer programs to support the social and emotional health of our families as we move through the COVID-19 pandemic. To help plan programs specific to your needs, please complete a brief survey found at this link: https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnvrvLpqVaugoh7

We will continue to address our students mental health needs throughout the summer. Students who need assistance, please reach out to us via email at counselinghelp@pway.org. This email will be monitored daily. Emails received Monday through Thursday will be responded to within 24 hours. Emails received Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (district closed) will be responded to on Monday. If needed, we will connect students to a counselor via phone or a face to face Zoom meeting.

And, of course, for students experiencing a true emergency, call 911, or for immediate mental health assistance, call UBHC at [\(800\) 969-5300](tel:8009695300)

Summer Meal Assistance

Please remember our Summer Meal Assistance will continue two days each week, offering several days of non-perishable meals. Meal distribution takes place on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the following locations: Arbor School, Eisenhower School, Martin Luther King School, Schor School, and the Administration Building.

Looking Forward to September

Now, as we plan fulltime for September, I will continue to send updates as soon as information is available. We will continue to work under guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Health. Our administrative team will be ready to open the 2020-2021 school year under any circumstance and ensure a quality education for all of our students.

Enjoy your summer. You earned it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Ranelli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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