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Dear Piscataway Families,

I hope you enjoyed your first week of summer. We all need and deserve some downtime. But now that we have completed school year 2019-2020, we turn our full attention to school year 2020-2021.

The Road Back

This past Friday, the State Department of Education issued a 104-page guidance document, “The Road Back.” This document gives individual school districts requirements and options for educating students in fall. Our central office and administrative team is determining the best and most feasible way to take care of our community, and as always, including stakeholders in our discussions and plans. I understand how difficult this situation is for working families who need to make child care and other important decisions, and will continue to keep you updated on progress and plans as quickly as possible.

Virtual Summer Learning

To assist students this summer, and to help prevent “Summer Slide,” we created a [Virtual Summer Learning Program](#) for Grades K-8, and added it as a tab to our district and K-8 school websites. We encourage all students to take part in this program that offers an engaging online math component, a reading component that emphasizes reading for pleasure, a Teacher Help Desk for questions, and a Special Education Summer 2020 Fun and Learn Packet that offers projects, games, competitions, experiments, and more, covering language arts, math, science, physical education, and other subject areas. Middle school students can also try their hand at a thought provoking engineering program.

Counseling Available During Summer Months

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.

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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through this unprecedented health crisis and ensuing changes we must make to safely educate our students. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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