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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Piscataway Families:

I hope you are enjoying the summer and that our K-8 students are taking advantage of our Virtual Summer Learning Program, located at PiscatawaySchools.org. Our goal is to keep Summer Learning fun by offering a math program that includes gamesmanship and friendly competition, a reading program that encourages reading for pleasure, and other specialized programs. Students can join in at any time to keep their skills sharp and eliminate summer slide.

Planning the 2020-2021 School Year

As we move closer to the 2020-2021 school year, we continue to listen to your concerns, and will include parent feedback in our final plan. There are many moving parts to crafting this school year. We must incorporate Governor Murphy's directive to include options for a physical return to school, and balance safety for all with ensuring students continue to grow and learn academically, socially, and emotionally. Our team is working to ensure a positive experience for students and staff. This includes physical changes within buildings, upgrades and additions to technology hardware and software, rethinking transportation and food services, and creating a schedule that maximizes learning, minimizes disruption, and feels welcoming and comfortable. **Additionally, we are still waiting for directives to be finalized by the NJDOE.** We will submit our plan to the NJDOE and following approval, we will share it with you in early August.

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:(800)969-5300)

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.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Ranelli