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Dear Piscataway Families:

As a follow up the Board of Education's approval for a fully remote schedule for the first marking period of the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted you to know I submitted our remote instruction plan to the Middlesex Executive County Superintendent today. As we await the County's final approval and additional guidance for our Road Back, please be assured that I will continue to communicate all details as soon as they are available.

In order to introduce our teachers to additional programs, apps, and strategies for remote instruction, the plan calls for three full days of professional development in early September. This professional development continues the push that began this summer to equip our teachers with the ability to seamlessly incorporate technology into learning plans.

Due to the adjustment of professional development dates in the schedule, **the first day for students has moved to Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** The remote schedule will continue until Friday, November 13, at which point we will make further recommendations based on the health and safety of our students and staff. The updated [2020-2021 Calendar](#) can be found on the District website.

Important to note – the District will supply every student in Grades K-12 with iPads and ensure they have appropriate internet access. Information about technology distribution will come from building principals.

Counseling

We continue to address our students mental health needs. Students who need assistance, please reach out via email at counselinghelp@pway.org. 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 Zoom. 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 continues until August 27 for all Piscataway families, 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. Students who are eligible for free/reduced meals will continue to receive this service during the school year. Details to follow.

Thank you for your patience as we work as quickly as we can to build a remote curriculum and rewarding educational experience for your children. Stay safe and Piscataway Strong.

Sincerely,

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

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