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**Dr. Frank Ranelli**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Piscataway Families:

As we usher out 2020 and welcome 2021, I look forward to the time when we return to fulltime in-school learning. Every one of the 1200-plus staff members of Piscataway Schools join me in our commitment to this goal.

But until we can do this safely, we are equally committed to ensuring our students continue to grow and learn in the current remote setting, and can successfully begin our anticipated hybrid learning schedule on February 1. Our Curriculum and Instruction team, working with our teachers in every curriculum area, continue to research and employ new teaching techniques and technologies to reach students learning from home. In this difficult environment, our staff continues to put students' best interests first in everything we do. I am truly grateful for the work they do every day.

Please remember that in addition to teaching and learning, Piscataway Schools can help students in additional ways:

#### **Meal Assistance**

We will continue to support our students with meal assistance. Our meal pick-up schedule continues on Mondays and Thursdays at the following locations and times:

- Arbor, King, and Schor, from 3:00-5:00 PM
- Admin Building, Children's Corner River, and Eisenhower, from 4:00-6:00 PM

#### **Counseling**

As we enter these winter months, seasonal depression can affect students who are usually resilient. We know this winter will be particularly hard. Please encourage your children to reach out to their guidance counselors via Email or phone if they need assistance in any way. The Haven, Piscataway's school based mental health program, is also available to assist students and families. The Haven can be reached at 732-981-0700, ext. 2250 or via email at [Haven@pway.org](mailto:Haven@pway.org). As always, if you are experiencing a true emergency call 911 or if you need immediate mental health assistance call UBHC at (800) 969-5300.

Stay safe and be well,

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Ranelli