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Dr. Frank Ranelli Superintendent of Schools

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**Dear Piscataway Families:** 

With this week bringing another weather emergency to Piscataway, and as we get ready for winter, we want you to know we reach out to our families in multiple ways to alert you of delayed openings and school closures. In addition to phone and email alerts, we post on the District website and in the media, and send social media messages on Facebook and Twitter.

## **School Messenger**

Because we contact all parents via phone and email through School Messenger, please let us know if you are not receiving messages, or not receiving them to the correct phone number. School Messenger uses the contact information found in Genesis. You can check your School Messenger account by <u>following these directions</u>. If you have any questions or problems with your account, we encourage you to contact us via email at <u>schoolalerts@pway.com</u>.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

Election Day is this Tuesday, November 2, and students are off from school. We congratulate our PHS students who have turned eighteen and will be voting in their first election! Next week brings additional days off on Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5, as we close schools for students and teachers for the annual NJEA Convention. With the first marking period ending one week later, on Friday, November 12, please encourage your students to use this time to catch up on all of their school work, and begin the 2021-2022 school year with their highest possible grades.

## **COVID Updates**

We appreciate the District-wide cooperation from our families to screen students for COVID symptoms every morning. So far this year, we have been successful at containing the spread of this virus within our schools, and look forward to continued cooperation from families and staff to keep everyone safe all year. Remember to check out the <u>2021-2022 Learning Information</u> section of our District website for all current information, including <u>guarantining after travel</u>.

Information went home earlier this week for Parent Conferences in mid-November. Parents can choose either in-person or virtual conferences. Our teachers look forward to meeting their students' parents and working together toward a productive year for all.

Very sincerely,

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