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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Piscataway Families:

As we end the first week of the 2020-2021 school year, I want to extend my thanks to our teachers and staff for all their hard work in getting ready to teach remotely, and to our students and families for their cooperation and preparation for learning remotely.

Overall, we had a successful week. I appreciate the positive messages I received from parents who found their children's days running smoothly. I also appreciated the parents who contacted me with problems and concerns. I want to assure you that we hear those concerns and are aware that moving forward, there are some issues we may need to address. We will work as a team to refine schedules and address any technology needs that arise. And we'll keep you fully informed of any changes and modifications to our plans

District-Issued Devices

As a reminder, all students in Grades PreK-12 will receive District-issued devices to use during this school year. Students who did not yet receive their device should expect it soon. Any student who does not have access to another device at home, and for whom this is a hardship, should contact their building principal as soon as possible. We will provide a loaner device to use until the ordered devices arrive in District, later this month.

Meal Delivery

"Grab and Go" meals are available to all Piscataway students for pickup on Mondays and Thursdays between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please bring your child's ID card to the pickup location to collect meal(s). Grab and go breakfast and lunch packages at the following locations:

- Administration Building, 1515 Stelton Road
- Arbor School, 1717 Lester Place
- Children's Corner by the River, 2300 Cooper Street
- Eisenhower School, 360 Stelton Road
- M.L. King School, 5205 Ludlow Street
- T. Schor School, 243 North Randolphville Road

Counseling

With school back in session, please know that your school counselors are there for our students and families. While we may be operating remotely, our counselors and mental health professionals are here to support our students' academic and social emotional needs. School counselors are back and ready to assist in any way that they can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them via Email or phone. 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. 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.

Through all of this, we remember and honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, and continue to honor our first responders, who sacrificed so much nineteen years ago, and continue to support our communities during today's health crisis.

Very Sincerely,



Dr. Frank Ranelli

