

May 1, 2020

Hello Piscataway Summer Camp Parents, Guardians, and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we all navigate through these unsettling times. I am sending you this with not such great news and a heavy heart. We are in a very difficult position of trying to predict the future with the COVID-19 situation. As you know, Governor Murphy will be deciding on the remainder of this school year on or about May 15<sup>th</sup>. Even then we are not sure what any re-entry to school, day care, or camp-like settings would look like. Masks, small number contact ratios, bus and lunch situations, health protocols – all major questions that will not be clear anytime soon.

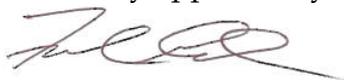
At this time, Piscataway Schools and our Community Education Department will not be running our summer camp program. We are making this decision now because we do not think it is fair to you to wait until later in the month when the Governor updates his executive orders. We realize the hardship this may cause on our families and we want to give you as much time to secure alternate childcare and summer plans.

If this situations changes in any way we are prepared to assemble and run our summer camp programs for any part of the summer at a pro-rated rate. As always, we will monitor the situation and make our decisions based on the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

I know you have registered with some or all of the summer camp payment. All this money will be refunded within three weeks from today. Additionally, your child(ren) will hold their spot in our camp in the event we are able to hold a partial or “holiday” camp type program this summer. Please be patient as we process the refunds; we want to make sure we are accurate with this process.

I understand the strain this may have on your family and this decision was not made lightly. We will continue to update you if there is any way we can safely hold any form of a quality camp. Please note: If necessary, all other academic summer programs will be planned virtually.

I sincerely appreciate your understanding.



Dr. Frank Ranelli  
Superintendent of Schools