



Jeffrey Truppo
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Passaic Students, Parents, and Staff,

The purpose of this letter is to share our plans for summer school, starting on July 1, 2021. A brochure and registration link will be available on our website during the week of May 17, 2021. As we do in preparation for any summer programming each year, teams of teachers, coaches, supervisors, and other staff are working to refine curriculum and order materials. Teachers will be assigned to classes, and administrators will supervise the schools that host summer programming. I want to thank all of the staff that prepares for summer session. There is a great deal of work to be done each year. Food services, facilities, and security coordinate and schedule their services at the schools. Additionally, we work with our colleagues at the Passaic Police Department to ensure that our School Resource Officers are in place, and crossing guards are stationed at critical intersections so that our families can safely walk to summer school.

In addition to our regular summer school planning, we have had to account for holding summer school with COVID-19 in mind. All schools hosting summer school will have pre-entry screening procedures in place, as well as regular handwashing and hand sanitizing scheduled during the day. Mask wearing will be mandatory for all students and staff. Rooms for summer classes are selected based on optimum ventilation. We have purchased air purifiers as an additional method of mitigation. Student entrance into the buildings will be planned so that individual classes enter the building one at a time. Outdoor tents have been purchased so that students can be separated into smaller numbers during breakfast and lunch. Bathrooms will be monitored so the number of students in any given bathroom at one time is minimized. Our plan also calls for regular cleaning of bathrooms and classrooms during the summer school day. Final mitigation plans and procedures for each specific school will be shared with the staff and families that will be in attendance at a given school. The goal of providing the safest possible environment will always be the focus of our planning.

As we continue to plan for summer programming, we will monitor the CDC and New Jersey Department of Health guidelines as they update and revise recommended mitigation procedures. Based on the NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Activity Level Report, our entire State is currently listed as a Moderate Risk. A Moderate Risk designation allows for full in-person instruction, with social distancing of three feet established in each classroom. I look forward to updating you on our summer plans at the June 7, 2021, Board of Education meeting, and in future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Truppo".

Jeffrey Truppo
Interim Superintendent