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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this moment to once again acknowledge our administrators, teachers, and staff for their commitment to providing excellent educational opportunities, despite the challenges that we have endured this school year. Our school families have been valuable partners in distance learning and together we have ensured instruction continued during the final months of the school year. As always, we are grateful to our Board of Education for the many hours of volunteer service provided to our community. Finally, the efforts of our many partners, including all School PTO for having provided important support for students, schools, and district and we thank them.

Please know that as a school district, we are still working hard to ensure students and staff are supported and we're planning as much as possible considering the uncertain conditions facing our schools, our communities, and our state.

### Summer School

With Governor Murphy's announcement on Friday, June 12, guidelines were issued for summer school, inclusive of Extended School Year (ESY), with the option to remain remote. We have had the opportunity to review the guidance provided by the state for safety and health protocols, engage in conversations with colleagues throughout Union County, participate in informational meetings/webinars at the state and national level, and administratively discuss the best path moving forward for all our staff and students.

The following areas were considered when making this decision:

- Availability of PPE and medical supplies necessary
- Availability and health status of our employees to be able to engage in in-person programs
- Safe transportation of our students
- Our student's ability to safely engage in social distancing, wearing of masks and overall participation in general health guidelines

As a result, the Elizabeth Public Schools will be offering all summer school programs virtually.

### **Office of the Superintendent of Schools**

Our virtual summer school programs will begin on July 6<sup>th</sup> as outlined below:  
Students in Grades 3-12 will attend July 6 through August 6 the following programs

- Virtual Student Support Summer
- Virtual Achievement Summer Program
- Virtual High School Remediation
- Virtual APEX Learning Credit Recovery Program
- Virtual Literacy Interventions Grade 3
- Virtual ESL Enrichment (July 6 through July 30)
- Virtual ESY PK-12 program (This program is inclusive of related services and educational programming)

Students in Grades K-2 will attend July 13 through August 13 the following programs:

- Virtual Student Support Summer
- Virtual Literacy Interventions
- Virtual ESL Enrichment (July 13 through July 30)

Please be advised that our principals will be notifying parents of the students that will be required to attend our summer school programs via email and/or phone.

#### Reminders

- New Student Registration – Online Registration at [www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org)
- Gifted and Talented Acceptance – Parent Portal – June 30, 2020
- School 8 Lottery Acceptance – July 15, 2020
- Preschool Acceptance – Parent Portal - July 15, 2020
- High School Placement/Acceptance – Parent Portal – July 15, 2020

Thank you for your anticipated understanding while we navigate educating and supporting your children during these unprecedented times.

Be safe and stay well.



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