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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents and Community Members,

Once again, I am excited to share some leadership news with our community. I am recommending Mrs. Nydia Peake to be the new Vice Principal of Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, beginning September 1, 2021. It is anticipated that the Board will approve my recommendation at its meeting on Monday, July 26. Mrs. Peake has been teaching in our district since 2015; first as a world language teacher and more recently as a kindergarten bilingual teacher. Mrs. Peake is passionate about creating unique learning opportunities for all students and has been an advocate for non-English speaking children and families district-wide. She has led various teacher workshops, conducted bilingual parent information sessions and has served as a liaison for local organizations that work to address the diverse needs of Flemington-Raritan children, families and community members.

The entire team at Flemington-Raritan Regional School District is working diligently throughout the summer to continue to prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. As a district, we continue to focus on ventilation, screening for symptoms, and implementing stringent protocols for cleaning. The planning for the reopening of our schools in the fall continues to keep a close eye on infection rates in the community.

Governor Murphy's guidance has mandated in-person, full-day instruction and operations in all buildings and facilities, with all enrolled students, absent a document medical exemption. Experts agree, children should be in-person, face-to-face, for school.

### **Referendum Update**

There are many exciting developments around the district with site work and referendum progress. Please follow the district on Facebook or our Twitter page to see up-to-the-minute photos and information. The entire team is working diligently in all aspects; academic, social, emotional, and physical building support to have our schools ready for full day for students. You can find updated photos and descriptions of the work in progress at our schools on our Twitter page, [linked here](#), or on our Facebook page, [linked here](#).

As another step towards regaining steps to normalcy, the July 26 Board of Education meeting will be held in-person at J.P. Case Middle School in the auditorium. The Board will hold a professional development meeting beginning at 5 p.m. The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

We look forward to a full calendar of events, activities and special moments as we focus on returning to our traditional school schedules. Our 2021-2022 district calendar is linked [here](#). Communication will continue regularly from the district to our community to keep parents, staff, and faculty updated on our referendum work and school reopening plans.

Sincerely,

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