



# North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

*"Providing Success for All Students"*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Extended School Year (ESY) 2020

The world has changed in ways that none of us could have ever imagined over the past few months. As you are aware, North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School closed due to the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency that were declared in New Jersey, and the closure of schools that Governor Murphy ordered. Our highest priority has always been the safety of both our students and our staff members. Due to the limitations that have been set forth by the state of New Jersey and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and lack of guidance regarding reopening schools, we have no choice but to move our 2020 ESY program to a *full virtual* model. Just like you, we want nothing more than to be physically back to school.

The ESY program allows for instruction to support maintenance of skills relative to students' IEPs including academic, social and transition related goals and objectives. In order to meet the needs of students the online ESY program will consist of daily group Zoom lessons, individual Zoom sessions with the teacher or ESP, assignments and activities posted on Google Classroom, and related services as indicated in the IEP.

Please note that students who were scheduled to participate in Career Development, as their ESY program, will not be able to work at job sites in the community, due to social distancing and other limitations. Students in the Career Development program are offered to participate in virtual Career Exploration instead, if they choose to do so.

Mr. Robert Pellechio (NHHS) and Ms. KellyAnne Kieffer (VHS), Assistant Principals, will be overseeing the extended school year program. During the ESY program, should you have any questions or concerns and wish to speak with an administrator, you may contact us via e-mail or phone.

We are disappointed about not being able to be together in person this summer. On the other hand, we are excited about the virtual content that we have created and we are certain that we can effectively support our students in this new innovative way. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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