

Dear Rahway Community,

Happy Friday! We hope that everyone enjoyed their last week of the summer.

We look forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday, September 4th. Please note that the following dates are early dismissal days for students as indicated in the 2024-2025 school calendar:

- Wednesday, September 4th
- Thursday, September 5th
- Friday, September 6th

We are excited to announce the **rollout of our VILs initiative**. Mark your calendars! Wednesday, **September 11th (Rahway High School)** and Thursday, **September 12th, (7th and 8th Academy)** will host community events for students and parents in grades 7-12. This will be an event to remember!! **We invite all 7-12 students** to this event, to receive their **new Chromebooks, participate in various activities, and receive free giveaways!!**

This summer, the Curriculum and Instruction Office hosted a series of 13 professional development workshops to support our instructional staff. These workshops covered a variety of topics, including Sheltered English Instruction, Building Powerful Numeracy, Take Your Power Back and Maintain Your Peace, Empowering Learning Spaces, Best Practices in Inclusion, Harnessing the Power of Formative Assessments: Creating Data-Driven Instruction, Guided Reading, Unlocking Literacy, Raz-Kids: Where Reading Takes Flight!, Vocabulary Builders, Captivating Reading Classroom, and Dive Deep: Collaborative Unit Planning for the New Math/ELA Curriculum. You can read more about it [here](#).

In addition, we welcomed our new teachers and certificated staff members at New Teacher Orientation on August 28th and 29th. Staff received their district devices, met various administrators, and learned about the district's Vision, Mission, goals, systems, and structures. We are so excited to continue to get to know the newest members of the Rahway Public Schools family.

At the August 27th Board of Education meeting, 70 new curriculum documents were approved, including K-12 English Language Arts and K-12 Mathematics. A complete list of the approved curriculum can be found on the BOE agenda. We can't wait to see our students achieve and learn with these new resources.

We thank all of our families for your patience during the Genesis rollout. Please check your email for an email notification from Genesis SIS.

Enjoy your long weekend! #RahwayRenaissance

Sincerely,

Dr. Aleya Shoieb

Superintendent of Schools