

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES REGARDING CALENDAR

Dear Families,

Please read these two important messages:

2020-2021 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Next year, September 1st is the Tuesday prior to Labor Day (Monday, September 7th). If we were to follow our usual pattern of beginning school after Labor Day, we would be in school until **June 28th** (That is as long as we did not have a crazy storm season - in which it could be worse). After a significant review of options and meeting with various stakeholders, the calendar will call for schools to begin prior to Labor Day for the 2020-2021 school year. This would allow the school year to end no later than June 22nd. While we are still working on the specifics, we did not want to wait until the normal approval date in February and the Board wanted to make sure that you had this information in plenty of time to consider your plans for next summer.

I know this is not ideal, but an ending date of June 28th is just not feasible for our families and staff. It would be detrimental to summer camps, jobs and in the case of a bad winter, extremely compromising. There are many calendar issues for the district to consider and we are doing that, but for this year, the best viable option is for students and staff to return prior to Labor Day.

As such, please know that the first day for students for the next school year will be **Thursday, September 3, 2020**. Staff will return on September 1st for two days of Professional Development.

The full calendar is being finalized and note that we will have the 2020-2021 calendar on the board agenda shortly. In addition, we are also working with the calendar committee on getting the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year prepared as well.

MOVING FROM A 90-MINUTE DELAY TO A 2-HOUR DELAY

We have heard from the community and staff, as well as assessed our needs, and have determined that we will be changing our delayed opening schedule and moving away from the 90-minute delay to a full 2-hour delayed opening.

A 2-hour delay would be beneficial for the district for many reasons. It allows for an additional 30-minutes to clear pathways on school property, SB Public works to clear roads, buses to be cleared and ready, staff to get to their buildings and just a little more time that could be used to make that all important decision of opening or closing schools.

A 2-hour delay allows the district to meet all state time requirements, while providing 30-minutes more of time which can only contribute to a safer situation for all.

Therefore, effective immediately, we will be opening under a 2- hour delayed opening schedule when necessary to call a delay. [Please click here to view the delayed opening times of each school.](#)

In making these decisions, please know that the safety of the students and staff are of the utmost importance to our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line.

Scott Feder
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