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Dear ESCNJ Students and Parents/Guardians,

Let me start by offering my wishes on a belated "Happy Mother's Day" to all. I hope you had a joyful day with your family and other loved ones.

With only one month of school remaining, we have so many happening going on at ESCNJ. We recently celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, and now we are preparing for our end-of year celebrations, such as graduation and moving-up ceremonies.

Let me take a moment to thank all of the teachers, who I've consistently described as the heart and soul of ESCNJ. Their willingness to go above and beyond to strengthen the bond with their students, as well as their dedication this past year, speaks volumes about their professionalism and commitment to our very special school district.

Graduation is another momentous occasion; yet it is always a very bittersweet moment for me. Although I am saddened to see our older students leave us, I cherish all their accomplishments and hard work. One of the most satisfying parts of my job is hearing about students who have moved on with great success, living as independently as possible and hopefully with long-term, gainful employment.

I am absolutely pleased to say all of our graduations and moving-up ceremonies will be in-person. For those who cannot attend, we will be providing a virtual graduation; information is detailed below.

Below are the dates and times for each graduation. ESCNJ will be sending out an email with specific Zoom links and passcodes for each of the schools listed below.

Center for Lifelong Learning (8th Grade)	June 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (In person & virtual)
Pathways to Adult Living	June 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)
Bright Beginnings Moving Up	June 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)
Center for Lifelong Learning High School	June 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (In person & virtual)

Piscataway Regional Day School	June 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)
NuView Academy	June 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)
Academy Learning Center	June 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)
Future Foundations Academy	June 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (In person & virtual)

More exciting news, this year's Extend School Year (ESY) program has been approved for in-person instruction. The program will begin on Monday, June 28 (excluding Monday, July 5) and will end on Friday, August 6. Each school will be sending out information regarding the program.

On Monday, May 31 our schools and offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. We eagerly look forward to taking the time to honor our fallen heroes and express our appreciation to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Be Safe. Be Well. Be ESCNJ.

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