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Pinelands Regional School District

Today the Pinelands Regional School District ("PRSD") instituted split sessions at the junior high school in order to continue and maintain the continuity of the instructional program for students during the temporary closure of the high school. The high school was closed as a precautionary measure to assure the safety of our students and staff.

On Monday, October 16, Executive County Superintendent Daryl Minus-Vincent and Ocean County Business Administrator Charles Muller toured the facilities with the Interim Superintendent and a team of PRSD Administrators. Mr. Minus-Vincent was presented with a split session plan in order to ensure that students could receive instruction on a temporary basis until the high school is reopened. While not ideal, the instructional day created within the split schedule meets the minimum standards for instruction in the State of New Jersey pursuant to law. The Executive County Superintendent has approved our split session plan. We want to stress that this is a temporary, short-term solution, and that we expect to be back in the high school on a full schedule sometime in mid-November.

We are also working on a plan to revise the school calendar to make up the five days the PRSD was closed, as students are required to have 180 days of school.

I will continue to provide updates to parents and the press through press releases, meetings, and use of the district website. Thanks to all of the school community members for your continued patience throughout this matter.

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Interim Superintendent
Pinelands Regional High School District

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