



**NEWARK
EDUCATORS
COMMUNITY
CHARTER
SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Caregivers;

As you know, we took some time a few weeks ago to learn more about each scholar's strengths and gaps. The performance data that we were able to gather has shown how damaging the disruption caused by the pandemic has been for most students. When reviewing the results we were able to see how many scholars have not made progress, and are falling further behind in their academic growth. For this reason, and since we have extended remote instruction to January 25, we have revised the existing schedule and have created additional time to work with scholars in a small group setting.

Having students work with staff in small groups will allow us to target specific skills more aggressively and in a more intimate setting. This strategy will allow us to continue grade level instruction while addressing some of the gaps we have identified. For students who may not have gaps we will be offering enrichment opportunities as well so that they too continue to grow academically. The key change to the schedule is that students will now begin instruction **at 8:30 am**. Some periods may have also shifted, so start and end times for some of the classes may be different. This change is going into effect on Monday, November 16. Teachers will share their revised schedules with you along with this letter.

I cannot emphasize enough how critical it is for each student to connect with us consistently and for every class. The academic foundation built during these elementary school years is pivotal to their future success. While we understand that these are very difficult times, and that we are managing challenges that we never experienced before, we also need to provide scholars with the skills and knowledge that they will need to have access to opportunities in the future.

Grade level teams have scheduled meetings with parents in the coming days to share more on the data and changes to the schedule. Please be sure to look out for your respective grade level meetings.

I thank you for all your efforts and support. We are partners in this journey, and now more than ever we must work together for the benefit of our students.

Warm regards,

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