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Dr. Laurie Newell
Chief School Administrator
Paterson School District
90 Delaware Ave, 4th Floor
Paterson, NJ 07503

RE: Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan Approval – 2023-2024

Dear Dr. Newell,

The Office of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools has reviewed Paterson School District's submission of the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program Plan for 2023-2024 as per P.L. 2020 c. 27 and has found the Plan to be compliant with the required checklist elements.

In the event that a school facility in your Local Education Agency (LEA) must close due to a declared state of emergency, a declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure, you may use virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement if the closure is for more than three (3) consecutive days.

In addition, be reminded that LEAs are required to post the approved plan on their websites. If revisions are made to this plan, please resubmit the revised Plan to the County Office of Education accompanied by a certified board resolution and a new signed and dated checklist, which can be found at: [Guidance and Checklist: Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs \(nj.gov\)](#)

Thank you and best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Kesha T. Drakeford
Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools

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Attachments