Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! As the principal of this esteemed institution, I am delighted to have you in our diverse community. Our mission is to provide an exceptional educational experience and help students reach their full potential. We take great pride in providing a safe and secure environment where every student and staff member feels emotionally and physically protected.

At PCSST, we have a long-standing reputation for being one of the most trusted schools in Paterson. As we celebrate our 23rd year in education, we are humbled by the trust and confidence our parents have placed in us. Our dedicated teachers spend hours creating engaging classroom lessons and activities that challenge students to grow academically and prepare them for the future.

We understand that choosing the right school for your child is a significant decision, and we are thrilled that you have selected PCSST Middle School. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey and creating unforgettable memories.

Below, you will find important information for you and your child to ensure a smooth transition into the new school year. The main office will send further details and information before the start of the school year.

- ➔ **First Day of School** for All Students: Monday, August 25, at 7:30 am.
  - ◆ Please note that the first week of school, from August 25, 2025, to August 29, 2025, is a half-day for students.
  - ◆ Student dismissal on half days is 12:40 pm.
- ➔ **Dismissal and Pick-up**:
  - ◆ Arrival time is 7:30 am Monday-Friday.
  - ◆ Regular dismissal time for all students in Grades 4-7: 2:35 PM
  - ◆ Dismissal time for the “Early Dismissal” days is 12:40 pm.
- ➔ **After-School Program**: After-school activities generally start in early October. This is an optional program, and space is limited. You will receive a survey at the beginning of the school year. Students will be dismissed at the regular time of 2:35 pm until the program begins.
- ➔ **Student Uniforms** can be purchased from the YNK Store at 125 Getty Ave, Clifton, NJ, 07011. For store hours, please call 862-225-9938 or visit www.ynkstore.com.
- ➔ **Back to School Night**: This year, we will combine the student and parent orientations with Back to School Night (BSN). The dates for BSN are as follows:
  - ◆ **Grades 4 and 5:** Wednesday, Aug 20, 2025 @ 5:00 pm
  - ◆ **Grades 6 and 7**: Thursday, Aug 21, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

I am confident that the next school year will be full of success. Please don't hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns. We are here to help in any way we can, and we look forward to working together for the future of our students.

Sincerely,
John H. Demir