

Dear Valued Regional Professional Development Members,

We at RPDA hope all of you and your loved ones are well and staying safe. You are in our thoughts and we hope that you are able to successfully navigate these challenging times as best as possible. We at RPDA are cognizant that districts are implementing various educational models (i.e. hybrid, virtual only, in-person partial day, etc.) at this time and also understand that things can change in the blink of an eye! **We are in awe and applaud your ongoing efforts and stamina to do what is right and safe for your students, families and staff.**

As you remember, RPDA will remain closed for this 2020-2021 school year. However, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the following information:

- The RPDA website is still up and running at www.rpdacademy.org - messages have been posted about our closing for this 2020-2021 school year and as we move forward the website will be updated when/as necessary
- Our workshop conference room at Monmouth Mall **remains closed** even though the mall is now reopened to a limited capacity. We do not have an official timeline for reopening and anticipate that it will not be until the pandemic safety and health risk is under control (e.g. vaccine is available to general public)
- As a reminder, RPDA did NOT send out any invoices for districts' annual membership for the 2020-2021 school year given the fact that there are no scheduled workshops.
- **Directors/Administrators- Since we are entering budget season, please remember to add a budget line for your district's RPDA annual membership for the 2021-2022 school year.**
- Please know that RPDA is committed to following the science for when it is safe to reopen for in-person workshops in the 2021-2022 school year. As mentioned above, we will continue to update our website www.rpdacademy.org as we move forward.

If you have any thoughts, concerns or suggestions for consideration, please feel free to reach out at prizzo@rpdacademy.org. In the meantime, wishing you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season. Please stay safe and be well!



With sincerest gratitude,
The RPDA Team
Pat, Lee and Cindy