

# CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Mr. Michael Burke**  
**Superintendent**

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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you an update regarding our MS/HS restoration project due to damage from Tropical Storm Ida.

- The Board of Education has reached a verbal rental agreement with St. Therese Church for 10-month usage. We anticipate finalizing the details next week and will apply to NJDOE approval as soon as possible. I want to personally thank the Archdiocese and Father Sam for their support during this difficult time. The building has ten available classrooms and a gymnasium which provides opportunity for daily in-person instruction.
- We are also reviewing available office and warehouse space within the town of Cresskill. It is extremely difficult to find enough buses and bus drivers to transport the entire Middle/High School to a different town. It now appears very possible that we can provide some version of in-person learning for all of our MS/HS students within the town of Cresskill. The outpouring of support from parents, community leaders, and local companies has made all of this possible.
- Mr. Massaro and Ms. Taha have modified the daily bell schedule to provide a structured and realistic virtual day for all of our MS/HS students. There has been legitimate concern throughout our community about having the students on a virtual platform over a seven-hour day. The new virtual bell schedule has been posted in the “News” section of the Cresskill High/Middle School webpage.

I look forward to supporting our football team, marching band, and cheerleaders at tonight’s varsity football game at Demarest High School. The resilience and perseverance of our students, staff, and community has been inspiring.

Best,  
Michael Burke  
Superintendent of Schools

*The Cresskill Schools will utilize the student learning standards to promote academic excellence and foster self-esteem in a dynamic, caring environment and will prepare students to be life-long learners and contributors in an evolving and ever-changing world.*