

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear South Brunswick Families,

As we have publicized over the last few months, we have a very interesting week next week as students will be off from school for the entire week.

Monday, November 5 th	Full Day of Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 6 th	Professional Development Day - Staff Only
Wednesday, November 7 th	Professional Development Day - Staff Only
Thursday, November 8 th	New Jersey Teachers Convention
Friday, November 9 th	New Jersey Teachers Convention

What I wanted to discuss briefly was the goal of the change to a full day of parent teacher conferences. One thing I have been told and has been stated, albeit, not by many, is that this change has a goal to deteriorate the home school partnership. In fact, this is quite the contrary as our change in approach is multi-faceted with one key goal being to improve the home school partnership significantly. Along with that is, of course, the continuity of learning as we have removed four early release days from the calendar. After polling various groups (including parents) it was unanimous to try something different and bring continuity back to a traditionally choppy month. Also, our discussions have included ways in which to better build our home school relations.

I have included some documents (links below) for your review regarding the conference process, but also want you to know that over the next 6 months, we want to explore best practices in home school relations and how we can best communicate to you and you to us. While this change will not be the perfect answer for all, we hope it is the beginning of larger scale work to improve all aspects of the partnership. We remain very confident that the learning needs will be much better suited in this model than in the prior models and we have not removed any of the available time for conferences in doing so.

[Getting the Most out of Parent/Teacher Conferences – Elementary School](#)

[Middle School Information](#)

[Prepare for Parent/Teacher Conferences - Middle School/High School](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences-High School](#)

More to come and thank you for your flexibility and for working with us on these important issues. A survey will be coming after next week, so we can learn more from you and our staff on what may work best in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Scott Feder', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Feder
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