

Regional Professional Development Academy

The mission of the Regional Professional Development Academy is to provide best practice training to support students with disabilities. Parents and educators will participate in high-quality professional workshops which will facilitate processes to advance students' knowledge and skills.

Dear Regional Professional Development Academy Presenters,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you, as a valued RPDA presenter, of the course of action that RPDA will need to take due to the Covid-19 pandemic for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. As you are aware there are several unknown variables that need to be considered. Due to the extenuating medical circumstances, RPDA has not received any specific timelines and processes for phased-in districts reopening and as important the Monmouth Mall Conference Room reopening. ***For these reasons, we at RPDA will not be able to conduct our annual professional development seminars for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.*** At this time, the feedback we have received from a variety of educators gives credence to the value of our in person workshop seminars and we believe in maintaining the integrity of such a format.

Please know that RPDA continues to be committed to the health and safety of our members. It is our hope that safe and effective Covid-19 treatment and a future vaccine will mitigate this disease within the upcoming year. It is our goal for RPDA to proceed with a full schedule of professional development seminars in the 2021-2022 school year.

We thank you for your support and understanding of our decision to place the health, safety and welfare of our RPDA member districts' staff, students, and our RPDA presenters first. Please stay safe and be well!

With sincerest gratitude,

The RPDA Team

Pat, Lee and Cindy