

# **Future Ready Schools – New Jersey (FRS-NJ)**

## **School Participation Letter**

The goal of the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey (FRS-NJ) Certification Program is to support the statewide modernization of New Jersey schools, promoting a systemic approach to change through the cycle of transformation where districts envision, plan, implement, and assess continually with student learning as the focal point for their aligned efforts. This will lead to students engaging in the learning process in new ways, utilizing digital learning tools skills. FRS-NJ will provide needed guidance and resources to school leaders, administrators, and school board members regarding how to identify gaps in district/school preparedness for digital learning, and make resources available that will help to address those gaps. FRS-NJ will provide digital resources and guidance, as well as utilizing social media channels and web channels and other technologies, to provide information and support for digital learning to all stakeholders.

The Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Program is a *voluntary* program that was endorsed on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey Parent Teacher Association, the New Jersey Association for School Administrators, the New Jersey Association for School Business Officials, and the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association.

Participation does not obligate the schools and district to any specific time commitment or budgetary obligations. Schools and districts may choose to cease program participation at any time.

Individual schools join their district's efforts to be recognized as Future Ready by signing the *Future Ready Schools – New Jersey School Participation Letter*. The Participation Letter, provided below, calls for each school to appoint a Future Ready Team Leader, who will represent the school on the FRS-NJ District Team, as well as the establishment of a team of Future Ready Specialists at the school.

If your school chooses to participate in Future Ready Schools – New Jersey, please fill-in and sign the School Participation Letter provided below and submit it [here](#).

To: Future Ready Schools – New Jersey

From: Dr. Myron Hackett, Orange School District

Date: June 20, 2017

Subject: Intent to Participate in the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Program

By this letter, we acknowledge that Park Avenue School in Orange, New Jersey intends to participate in the free and voluntary Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Certification Program. Future Ready Schools – New Jersey recognizes and promotes best practices that result in a state of Future Readiness throughout the school's pedagogy, technical and professional support, and technological resources.

Park Avenue School agrees to appoint a Future Ready Team leader to carry out our commitment to building a Future Ready school by heading a team of Future Ready Specialists in the school and implementing actions and initiatives that will allow for certification by the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Certification Program. Our participation supports the School Board's adoption of a resolution to participate in the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Certification Program and to pursue certification.

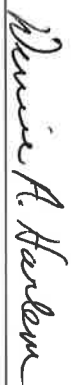
Park Avenue School hereby appoints Denise Harlem to serve as our liaison to the Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Certification Program and to serve as a member of the School Board's Future Ready Leadership Team.

Myron Hackett  
School Principal

  
Signature

6/20/17  
Date

Denise A. Harlem  
Future Ready Team Leader

  
Signature

6/20/17  
Date