Dear Parents,

The State of New Jersey requires ALL high school graduates to complete 2.5 credits (one semester) in Financial Literacy. Both District High Schools offer courses that meet this requirement through the Business and the Family and Consumer Science Departments. Students who wish to satisfy this requirement for 2021-2022 will have the option of selecting one of these courses as part of their high school schedule OR by completing the Personal Financial Literacy Course offered through NJ Virtual HS. Students are not required to take the course in any specific grade/year, but at any time during their four years. Listed below are a variety of options that are available to students in the Edison Township School District.

- Students may complete the course during a semester (Personal Finance) of the regular school year or as a full year course (Economics). If used to satisfy the Financial Literacy Requirement, the same course cannot also be used to satisfy the 21st Century Skills requirement.
- A Personal Financial Literacy course will be offered this summer on-line with 24/7 access through NJ Virtual School from July to August. *The on-line course tuition, set by NJ Virtual High School, is \$225.* Online registration at <u>www.njvs.org</u> for the NJ Virtual HS Course will begin June 1st. The course will run from July 6th to August 20th. Students <u>must adhere</u> to the pacing guide of the virtual teacher.
- Students may complete the Financial Literacy requirement on-line with 24/7 access through NJ Virtual School the Fall or Spring session of the 2020-2021 school year. Each session has a specific registration window (Fall: September 5th-30th; Spring: January 2nd-31st) and course dates (Fall Semester end date is January 25th and Spring Semester is June 10th). Students <u>must adhere to the pacing guide of the virtual teacher. *The on-line course tuition, set by NJ Virtual High School, is \$225.* Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch should contact their courselors regarding tuition; however, if the student fails the course, the District must be reimbursed by the student/parent the tuition paid by the District.
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Students who wish to complete this requirement on-line during the summer or next school year must let their counselors know after submitting the Google application. Students who wish to take the course during the regular school day should select the semester course as one of their requests. School counselors will meet individually with students to review their academic programs and graduation requirements. They will be happy to answer questions regarding this and any other scheduling questions.