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Dear Bulldogs,

Earlier today, Glassboro Public School District and Rowan University formally signed an agreement launching *Pathways of Promise*, a new premier partnership that strengthens the connection between our Pre-K–12 schools and Rowan's colleges and workforce development programs. While more information will be released over this summer, I wanted to speak to you today about why this partnership is so exciting for our students and families.

Through *Pathways of Promise*, we will begin developing expanded and new academic pathways, dual credit academies, enhanced college and career advising, and workforce-aligned programs connected directly to Rowan University and its colleges. Our Glassboro teachers will work alongside Rowan staff to enhance instruction and engage in professional development that improves student performance. Our schools will continue to host Rowan staff and students for their clinical practice and research opportunities that add resources for students at no extra cost to the taxpayers.

For all Glassboro families, this agreement will create clearer and more attainable pathways to higher education and the workforce. Students who complete their academy pathway and meet established expectations will be guaranteed admission to Rowan University and will qualify for significant and, in some cases, full tuition assistance aligned to their program of study.

This partnership will be visible across our district and elevate educational experiences at all of our schools. All Glassboro schools will be branded as premier partners of Rowan University, signaling a strengthened alignment between our institutions and a shared investment in the future of this community. **I want to be clear: the Glassboro Board of Education and staff will still remain in complete control of the school district and maintain our local identity. The names of our schools will not change.**

More information will be shared as this work progresses. In the months ahead, our educators, administrators, and Rowan partners will work together to thoughtfully design and implement these new pathways in ways that best serve our students. An exact start date for the new academies and other components of this partnership will be determined in the near future.

Glassboro is truly a community on the rise! This partnership expands our collaboration with Rowan, creates a unique value for Glassboro families, and strengthens our instructional programs.

We are writing the next chapter of our district's story - *together*.

Yours in service,

Al Lewis, Ed.D.
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