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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parents, students, and staff for ensuring a smooth and successful school opening.

### **Academic Performance Update**

We'd like to address the state test results of last school year.

- While district and city schools experienced a significant decline in English Language Arts (ELA) scores, our school saw only a 2% decrease, outperforming the average.
- Our mathematics results have improved by 2%.

Rest assured, we will thoroughly analyze these results, reflect on our teaching practices, and implement necessary improvements to enhance our students' education this year.

### **How You Can Support Your Child's Education**

To achieve our educational goals, we kindly request your support in the following areas:

1. Ensure your child arrives at school punctually each day, ready to learn.
2. Avoid scheduling vacations during school days.
3. Engage your child in discussions about their daily learning experiences.
4. Foster conversations about your child's social and emotional growth.
5. Monitor your child's homework, ensuring timely completion and quality.
6. Maintain regular communication with your child's teachers to stay informed about their progress.
7. Encourage daily, extensive reading habits.
8. Expose your child to various cultural, educational, and recreational activities.
9. If your child is sick, stay home and see a doctor if need be.

## **Important Updates**

### Enhanced Security Measures

We've installed the Safer Access System to bolster school security. When visiting, please press the button on the panel to the right of the entrance and identify yourself.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

In accordance with the DOE-UFT agreement, all parent-teacher conferences will be held virtually this year.

- First conference: Thursday, September 12, at 4:30 PM
- Your child's teacher will provide the virtual meeting link
- This initial conference will cover curriculum overview and teacher expectations

We will host an Open School Day in late September, allowing you to observe your child in their classroom environment.

## **Closing Thoughts**

We are committed to working collaboratively with you to provide the best possible education for our students. Your partnership is invaluable in this endeavor.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's educational journey.

Sincerely,

Tony Wu, Principal