



Department of Education

Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

March 22, 2019

Dear Families,

You recently received a letter from the New York City Department of Education (DOE) notifying you about the “Public School Choice” program. We sent this letter by mistake.

The Chancellor and the DOE believe in your school. We are committed to helping your school and schools across the City to be the best they can be. We believe in investing in our schools and giving them a real shot at improvement. And we recognize that neither student test scores nor school State designations fully express the quality of a school.

The DOE stands by each and every school in the City. We do this by providing resources and supports tailored to each individual school’s needs – with intensive focus on schools that have been designated by the State for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). We want all schools to continue to enjoy the benefit of maintaining steady student enrollment and a stable school community. Know that we are committed to our students, families, and educators, and we believe in your school.

Under previous federal law, students enrolled in certain State-designated schools could participate in the Public School Choice program, which allowed families to request a transfer out of a State-designated school. However, now that the federal law has now changed, the Public School Choice program is no longer offered to families. We sent our previous letter in error, and we apologize.

As with all DOE schools, if you have concerns with your school or have interest in transferring your child, you can reach out to Jessica Lee at JLee41@schools.nyc.gov or (212) 374-5567.

We apologize again for the error and confusion, and we thank you for your continued partnership as we prepare your child for success. With the support of families like yours and hard-working educators and school leaders, we believe we can achieve equity and excellence for all students in every school.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kleinhandler
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Office of Student Enrollment

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