



**Department of  
Education**

Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

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Dear Families,

Each day, educators, students, and families from across the city work hard to ensure our schools are welcoming, inclusive environments for all and are free from discrimination and intolerance of any kind. There is no place for anti-Semitism, racism, or hate in New York City public schools.

This commitment becomes real in our classrooms, hallways, and schoolyards where we all actively work to ensure students, staff, and families are affirmed. It is up to all of us—and everyone has a role to play.

As part of this effort, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) is continuing to provide resources to schools and families that foster awareness and understanding of the diverse communities in our city, and that show the destructive force of hate. To honor our commitment and to continue this important work, we are pleased to let you know that the DOE has expanded its partnership with the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

Beginning today through August 30, 2020, all New York City public school students will be able to visit the Museum with up to three members of their families free of charge.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located at 36 Battery Place in Battery Park City in Manhattan, within walking distance of several subway lines.

Upon arrival, please proceed to the Museum's Visitor Services desk with proof of current NYC public school enrollment (student ID or most recent report card), which is required. Included with your visit is an audio guide, which is offered in English, Spanish, French, Hebrew, Mandarin, German, Polish, or Russian.

More information on visiting the Museum, including hours and holidays, is available on their website at (<https://mjhnyc.org/visitor-information>). Be sure to read about the many exhibits and determine which is best for your family, keeping in mind your children's ages.

New York City is the greatest city in the world, and our school system is the most exceptional in the nation because of the incredible diversity of our community. We are all New Yorkers and as New Yorkers we want to move beyond tolerance and acceptance to a place of active celebration and inclusion in every classroom, in every school.

We hope you will take advantage of this important opportunity.

In Unity,

Richard A. Carranza