



# THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MARY BARTON, *Community Superintendent*

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 27

82-01 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park, N Y 11416

## **Community Education Council Meeting—Community School District 27**

Monday September 18, 2017

PS 60, 91-02 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Woodhaven, NY 11421

### **Community Superintendent's Report**

#### **I. Highlights—**

- With the school year starting, good news from our school will be shared starting in October.

#### **II. Updates**

- State of the District—data/goals for 2017-18 (power point enclosed)
- Free Lunch for All Students

Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced on September 6th that lunch is now free for every student at every public school across New York City. Free School Lunch for All will provide over 200,000 more students with free lunch starting this school year. Last school year, 75% of students were eligible for free lunch and starting this school year, 100% of families will be eligible to receive free lunch. The Free School Lunch for All initiative will benefit all families regardless of where they live or attend school.

Free School Lunch for All will apply to all schools and students who participate in SchoolFood, including charter and non-public schools. Breakfast was already provided free of charge to all students, and Mayor De Blasio's administration has expanded the Breakfast in the Classroom initiative to nearly 300 schools.

Parents/families are still requested to complete the School Meals Form so that our schools get access to Federal funding for this program as well as others for our schools. The form can be found at [nyc.applyforlunch.com](http://nyc.applyforlunch.com). Completed forms are due no later than December 22, 2017.

- Equity and Excellence for All—DOE Initiatives

**The following can be found on the NYC Department of Education website:**

Every child has one shot at an excellent education. It's up to us to make sure they get it. Let's shape the next generation of New York's voices and minds. Let's transform dreamers to doers. Let's empower students in every neighborhood on their path to success. Because we believe in every child's future.

There are three key areas of our work to advance Equity and Excellence for All:

1. **Academic Excellence:** means striving to ensure every student is college- and career ready. We work to meet students’ diverse needs with a variety of in-school and afterschool programs and support front-line educators and leadership with opportunities for professional development and collaboration.
2. **Student & Community Support:** celebrates supporting the whole child, as well as their family, on their social and emotional journey inside and outside of the classroom. We collaborate with community partners—from elected officials to public advocates—and engage parents and families to reflect the needs of local communities.
3. **Innovation:** allows us to experiment with new programming and initiatives. We aim to provide schools and educators the flexibility and resources they need to meet students and families where they are.

The full Equity and Excellence for All agenda includes a range of policy initiatives organized across three key areas. A sampling of the initiatives is below:

Academic Excellence	Student & Community Support	Innovation
Universal Second Grade Literacy	Single Shepherd	District-Charter Partnerships
Pre-K for All	College Access for All - Middle School	Renewal Schools
Computer Science for All	College Access for All - High School	Field Support Centers
AP for All	Community Schools	SchoolFinderNYC.gov
Algebra for All	NYC Summer Meals	ELL Translation Services

**Please note that not all of these initiatives are applicable to District 27 at this time.**

**GOALS:**

1. By 2026, 80% of our students will graduate high school on time
2. Two-thirds of our students will be college ready

To reach these goals, we must:

1. **Start early.**
2. **Support strong teachers and a strong curriculum in every school.**



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### 3. Meet communities where they are.

Most **District 27** schools are participating in one or more of the following Equity and Excellence initiatives in the 2017-18 school year. **District 27** thanks Central DOE for selecting our district to be a part of so many of the Equity and Excellence Initiatives.

- **Computer Science for All**—PS/MS 42, PS/MS 47, PS 62, PS 63, PS 64, PS 66, PS 90, PS 97, PS/MS 146, Ps 273, MS 282, PS 316, Scholars Academy
- **Algebra for All**—PS/MS 43, PS 45, PS/MS 47, MS 53, PS 56, PS 60, PS 62, PS 63, PS 64, PS 66, PS 96, PS 97, PS 108, PS/MS 124, MS 137, PS/MS 146, MS 210, MS 319
- **College Access for All**—MS—all schools with grade 7 (for the second year)
- **Community Schools**—PS/MS 42, MS 53, PS 65, PS 197
- **District-Charter Partnerships**—PS 123, Village Academy, Scholars Academy
- **Renewal Schools**—PS/MS 42, MS 53, PS 197
- **Showcase Schools**—PS 62 for Computer Science
- **Learning Partners**—
  - PS 65 and MS 137—host schools
  - PS 106, MS 210, MS 226—learner schools
- **Middle School Quality Initiative (MSQI)**—PS/MS 42, PS/MS 43, MS 202, MS 210, MS 226,

MS 318, MS 319

All **District 27** schools are supported by the **Queens South Field Support Center**. The Field Support Center staff provides school staff with professional learning around academic and social and emotional learning as well as support around budget, human resources and operations, and school safety.

- **New York State Accountability**

New York State assigns an accountability status to each school in New York State approximately every two years. The last designation took place in February 2016. Each school that is either a Focus or Priority school is required to send home a letter to parents annually announcing that status. This year's letter is due to be sent home no later than September 29, 2017. This information should be shared with school staff and parents during School Leadership Team (SLT) and Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA) meetings by **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**.

- Schools that are currently designated as **Focus** or **Priority** schools in District 27 are:

**Focus**—PS/MS 43, PS 45, MS 53, PS 104, PS/MS 105, MS226

**Priority**—PS/MS 42, PS 106, PS/MS 183

- The superintendent continues to focus on this subset of schools in the following ways:
  - To ensure excellent instruction in every classroom, teacher teams, who meet to support this work, continue to use the *Data Wise Improvement Process* protocol and resources from Harvard University in each of these schools.
  - These schools work with a data consultant to closely track the academic progress of students. The data serves to inform teachers of updates they need to make to lessons and units of study in order to meet all students at their entry points.
  - Teams from each school meet four times a year with the superintendent and the Director of School Renewal to share best practices as well as to work on school's goals and action plans with the ultimate goal being to increase student achievement.

The next designation of schools in these categories is expected in the spring of 2018.

- New York State also grants schools with a **Reward School** status annually. For 2017-18, the **Scholars Academy** is a Reward School. Congratulations to the Scholars Academy school community.

- **Achieve NYC—A Complete Guide to New York City Public Schools**

For New York City students and their families, this page is a one-stop, back-to-school shop with important information to get ready for the first day of school and a fantastic school year. You can also download a copy of the **Achieve NYC Back to School Basics** PDF to read and share.

- [English](#) | [Española \(Spanish\)](#) | [中文 \(Chinese\)](#) | [বাংলা \(Bengali\)](#) | [العربية \(Arabic\)](#) | [Русский \(Russian\)](#) | [اردو \(Urdu\)](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen \(Haitian Creole\)](#) | [Français \(French\)](#) | [한국어 \(Korean\)](#)

- **PK for All**

Pre-K classrooms in our district's schools are up and running. District 27 is proud to educate almost 7,000 four year olds who are being provided with a wonderful foundation in the district's all day programs. If you are still interested in sending your child to PK in your community, please contact your local school for further information.

- **NYC Schools Account**

Parents/families can obtain student information at a glance on their phone, tablet or computer using NYC Schools Account including the NYS test results in ELA and Math from spring 2017. The link can be found on the launch page of the NYCDOE web site. If you have not signed up as of yet, please contact your school's Parent Coordinator.

- Linda Curattalo, Administrative Assistant
- Thomas Fox, Field Support Liaison (FSL)
- Jean McKeon, Principal Leadership Facilitator (PLF)
- Shawn Rux, Director of School Renewal (DSR)
- Susan Settanni, Teacher Development and Evaluation Coach (TDEC)
- Martha Velez, Family Leadership Coordinator (FLC)

- **Changes in School Leadership**

- **Principals Departure**

- Stephen Grill, Principal of PS/MS 114 for 12 years, retired this summer. District 27 thanks Mr. Grill for his many years of service to the 114 community.
- Susan Rippe Hofmann, former principal of PS 215, retired this summer as well. She was assigned to PS 45 for the past two years. District 27 thanks Ms. Rippe Hofmann for her 35 years of service in District 27.

- **New principals in our district schools 2017-18**

- Elizabeth Welsome, Acting Principal, PS/MS 114
- Tracy Keane, Interim Acting Principal, PS 377

We congratulate these two new principals as they take on their new positions and wish them all the best.

- **District 27 Twitter**

Just to remind everyone, District 27 is on Twitter. Hashtag District 27NYC showcases student and school achievements. Other achievements not mentioned in the good news section of this report can be seen on the Twitter account. Also, this Twitter account provides up to date information on Central and District initiatives and information. Please spread the word.

### III. Reminders

#### September 2017

- Thursday September 7—First day of school
- Wednesday September 13—Elementary School Parent-Teacher conferences
- Thursday and Friday September 21-22-Rosh Hashanah-- Schools closed
- Tuesday September 26-- Middle school Parent-Teacher conferences

#### October 2017

- Monday, October 9--Columbus Day observed--Schools closed

#### November 2017

- **Parent Teacher Conferences this month—check with your school for dates and times**



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- Tuesday November 7—Election day—School closed for students
- Thursday November 16—Parent Teacher Conferences—afternoon—1/2 day for ES students
- Thursday and Friday November 23-24—Thanksgiving recess—Schools closed
  
- Thursday November 30—Parent Teacher Conferences—afternoon—1/2 day for MS students

**December 2017**

- Monday, December 25-Monday January 1, 2018—winter recess—Schools closed

**January 2018**

- Monday, January 15—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day—Schools closed

**February 2018**

- Friday February 16—Friday, February 23—Lunar New Year and Mid- winter recess—schools closed

**March 2018**

- **Parent Teacher Conferences this month—check with your school for dates and times**
- Tuesday March 6—Parent Teacher Conferences—afternoon-1/2 day for MS students
- Thursday March 15—Parent Teacher Conferences—afternoon—1/2 day for ES students
- Friday March 30 through Friday April 6—Spring Recess—schools closed

**April 2018**

- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 11-13--NYS ELA test

**May 2018**

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday May 1-3—NYS Math test
- Monday, May 28—Memorial Day—schools closed

**June 2018**

- Thursday, June 7—Chancellors Conference Day—Schools closed for students
- Monday, June 11—June Clerical Day—schools closed for students
- Friday June 15—Eid al-Fitr—schools closed
- Tuesday June 26—Last day for all students—early dismissal