Good morning, IS289ers!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our community town halls yesterday.  Almost half our community signed in! In the next 12 days before teachers return to work, there is a lot to do and many questions that need to be answered.  As we receive information to fill in the details for our plans, we will keep you updated.  Please continue to reach out to us with your questions and concerns.  In the meantime, here is [the slide deck](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQGFWPVgD0uXMDtJEumaMzR0ytkp7X-QlzJXW5YfXP7OIq6ONJk2azuUIQFsAW1ySnNDFSlDGDRa1uv/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000) from our sessions yesterday, special thanks to a wonderful district 2 middle school parent for the illustrations.  Please take a moment to share your feedback about the town halls in this [short survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXquSoG5JgwLffL3KRXqqQykFNsLPxgDnsfWHtyXYwkP_CmQ/viewform?usp=sf_link).

The Chancellor’s letter that I referred to yesterday can be found [here](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/chancellor-s-message-for-families), and linked here in [Chinese](https://drive.google.com/file/d/185E_jdOCdh57kXSEeXjyfVIcsjgm6GIT/view?usp=sharing), and [Spanish](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YY07nXVq-GIxsf5-1GxxtYbb3aYFroM7/view?usp=sharing).

Here are the new announcements:

1. **Students have been assigned** [**a specific day and time**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KI-EuhNOMJSeA7SPO_lsnOJan1s0bx0hGrqg_LC95Zc/edit?usp=sharing) **to pick up their locker bag** in the school yard on Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25.  Please read the [guidelines](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KI-EuhNOMJSeA7SPO_lsnOJan1s0bx0hGrqg_LC95Zc/edit?usp=sharing) carefully before arriving at school, as all policies will be strictly enforced.  You can return books and instruments when you pick up your locker bag if you would like.  For students who cannot pick up their things next week, don’t worry.  There will be another opportunity.
2. **A peek into a classroom:** We [set up a classroom](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vThFTk10wVwTTL_JI8pYJHrZWL2wn9PPFWXvL_i35xP9hIVpq107gaN2Ixe7bU79xqNUJUNo1u7q7Kj/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000) yesterday to get a sense of one way it might look.  Hudson found his favorite spot in the room!

Here are links that were requested during the community town halls yesterday:

1. **Students will access the learning platform, iLearnNYC, using their** [**DOE Student Accounts**](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/learn-at-home/technical-tools-and-support/doe-student-accounts)**.**  Students will also need this account to access applications through the DOE such as iLearnNYC, G Suite, Zoom and other learning platforms. If you didn’t set it up last year, you’ll need your student ID number and birthday.  Students who were at IS289 last spring have already set up their accounts in order to access Zoom.
2. **Parents need to create their** [**NYC Schools Account**](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/in-our-classrooms/nyc-schools-account) **account.**  Access your child’s class schedule, grades, attendance, and more through this account. Create your account here: [NYC Schools Account](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/in-our-classrooms/nyc-schools-account).  To create this account, a parent will need an account creation code and your child’s student ID number.  If a parent needs help with any of this, please reach out to Anne ([aalbright@is289.org](mailto:aalbright@is289.org)).
3. **Do you need a DoE device for the new school year?**[Complete this form](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcoronavirus.schools.nyc%2FRemoteLearningDevices&data=02%7C01%7Czozkan%40schools.nyc.gov%7C8269a2c3828a4dd9246f08d844552760%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637334479817570531&sdata=XEDe6A57oSeBfbirhweJOTQLhG5nF3ZSS8toEXCJfVg%3D&reserved=0) to request a device, or call 718-935-5100.  Interpreters available.  Fill out the entire form, no section can be blank. If you request a device, please email Anne, [aalbright@is289.org](mailto:aalbright@is289.org).  She will confirm the request was received and is complete.
4. **Here’s how to choose 100% Remote Learning, all online from home:**  [fill out and submit this form](https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference). If you are having difficulties completing this form online, call 311. In addition, please email [aalbright@is289.org](mailto:aalbright@is289.org) so that we are aware. Quarterly deadlines for returning to blended learning will be released soon.
5. **Updates on standardized exams:** The SHSAT is currently scheduled for Nov. 7 and 8, with additional dates for populations with specific services.  Details about the SHSAT are [here](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/student-journey/grade-by-grade/testing/specialized-high-school-admissions-test). The state has not cancelled the ELA or Math exams yet.  The schedule can be found [here](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/schedules/schedule-ei.html).

If you don't see your requested link above, please let me know so we can include it in the next update email.

Be well,

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