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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have come to the end of School Year 2021-2022!

The PS 208 Community is appreciative of the tremendous support given to the school this year. The Parent Teacher Association and Executive Body did an outstanding job. Families supported our Scholastic Book Fair, you also sent in contribution for dues that was used to improve students' school life. Also, contribution was made to Global Running and St. Jude Children Hospital. Additionally, parents contributed to the Summer Bridge Books, Staff Appreciation Week and Senior Prom.

While there were several issues that were of concern to families, I want to thank our families for trusting the school administrators to address these. Therefore, this year, there was significant reduction in fights and disagreements among our students- evidenced by the number of cases that were entered in our OORs reporting system. Thank you, parents for working with our students in learning to use words instead of fists.

PS 208 students also demonstrated tremendous academic moves. Currently, PS 208 is consistently in the top 5 schools in District 18 and in the top two in ELA. This is due to your support and the diligence and dedication of our teachers and staff. Also, funds were used to purchase necessary resources to address our students' academic needs. We bought books and paid teachers to instruct students in intervention programs including Early Bird Classes, Afterschool Intervention and Saturday Classes.

Our teachers and staff also did a phenomenal job. This year, we moved the bar for teaching and learning and teachers have exceeded

expectations. Data shows that all of our teachers have grown in their instructional practices evidenced by Advance Rating System and students' scores. The work that our school is doing resulted in Mr. Sherwin Perreira receiving NYC Big Apple Award. Mr. Perreira, will be working with nineteen other teachers across New York City as advisors to Chancellor David Bank.

While we paid keen attention to students' learning, here at PS 208, we also know students need to have fun as they learn. Our students were rewarded for their efforts as they shopped at the Beaver Store, there was monthly Beaver Celebrations and our students had a carnival. Seniors enjoyed a games bus and Mr. Softie was in our school for a day. There was also the Boys Mentoring Program- with select boys who came in early mornings to play basketball. Students produced announcements for our Beaver News Network and they enjoyed this. Our students in the upper grades were paired with lower grade students at recess and they were involved in enjoyable activities; such as tag.

This year, PS 208 started an afterschool program. We began with over 150 students and 15 adults but owing to fund reduction from January to June, we had eight adults and sixty students in the program. In our afterschool program our first and fourth grade students learned, Hula and Senegal/Cuban Dances. Our second and third graders were introduced to violin and kindergarteners through fifth graders attended scouts. While I am concerned about funding for next year's afterschool program, I am doing my best to secure a reliable and robust program.

When we started school year 2021-2022, there was the absence of appropriate facilities to promote an aesthetically appealing environment for our students. Tables in the cafeteria were dilapidated and unsafe, classroom desks and chairs had seen better days, students did not have laptops and we had unkempt fencing around the school. This year, I placed ten new tables in our cafeteria and purchased desks and chairs for ALL classrooms. Students are now permitted to write in workbooks and ALL students have access to lap tops and desk tops in classrooms. I am working on the appearance of the school exterior and installing correct doors across the school. In addition, we have a

welcoming Staff Lounge with microwave and refrigerator and working bathroom.

We want learning to continue throughout the summer and have taken steps to ensure this. All students received Summer Bridge Books. During the summer, all students will have access to online programs; RazKids, Imagine Learning (Math and ELA) and IReady. Books were sent home for students to read. Parents/Guardians, please schedule time for your children to do work during the summer.

While, we accomplished a lot this school year, I have a clear vision where PS 208 will be going during school year 2022-2023. I am confident that you will continue to support my vision for the PS 208 Community as we live out our motto, **In Pursuit of Excellence- Only the Best is Good Enough.** Have a great summer with your families and friends.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Jackson, Principal

I will share noteworthy news during the summer.