Dear Parents/Guardians:

All of us are concerned about the safety of our families in these challenging times. In the Icahn Charter School System our top priority is assuring the safety of our students and staff. We want both our students and employees to feel physically and psychologically safe and cared for in our schools. As a school district, we promise to do everything reasonably possible to protect your children against any threat that may arise while they are in our care. I want to inform you of the things that we are doing to honor our commitment to ensure that our schools and children in them remain safe.

Our safety/security focus is on three things: Effective planning, physical security and coordination with local emergency responders for potential emergency situations. This includes training our staff and students and conducting drills to practice our plans, and strengthening our security technology and infrastructure. Our school system has spent considerable time and effort planning and practicing safety and security measures appropriate for dealing with major critical incidents. We continue to have a very close relationship and strong lines of communication with our local law enforcement agencies, our first responders and the courts.

Every school has an Emergency Response Plan and all school personnel have participated in crisis response training. These plans have been reviewed and are approved annually. In general, each plan involves the designation of a crisis management team; development of evacuation, shelter-in-place and lockdown procedures; fire drills are conducted regularly and lockdown drills are conducted monthly.

Staff members wear photo identification badges. Parents and others coming into schools much check in at the main desk and receive temporary identification badges before proceeding. All adults who work with our students during and after school require background checks.

What can you do to help keep our students safe? Start by talking to your child about safety issues and empower them to talk about their concerns and express their feelings. Communicate with your children’s schools about what they are doing at their schools and get involved with building a positive school climate. The following website can provide some ideas on how to do this: https://www.mhanational.org/talking-kids-about-school-safety. For more information on emergency procedures and preparedness, please look at the Emergency Preparedness FAQs on this webpage.

Additional school safety measures will be added as necessary.

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

Jeff Litt,
Superintendent
DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRESS REPORTS 2019-2020

#2  Friday, December 20, 2019
#3  Thursday, February 27, 2020 Parent/Teacher Conference
#4  Tuesday, April 7, 2020
#5  Friday, May 29, 2020
#6  Thursday, July 2, 2020

School Calendar!

Icahn Charter Schools
2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Thursday - Friday  November 28 & 29  Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
Monday through the December 23 – January 1  Winter Recess including Christmas and New Years
following Wednesday  All staff and students return on Thursday, January 2nd
Monday  January 20  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed)
Monday - Friday  February 17-21  Midwinter Recess (includes Washington’s Birthday &
Lincoln’s Birthday) (Schools Closed) All staff &
students return Monday, February 24th
Thursday through the April 9-17  Spring Recess (including Good Friday & Passover)
following Friday  (Schools Closed) Staff & Students return
Monday, April 20th
Monday  May 25  Memorial Day (Schools closed)
Thursday  June 4  Professional Development (No Classes) All staff report
Thursday  July 2  Last Day for Students and School Staff.
(12:00 p.m. Dismissal)
NEW YORK STATE EXAMS... 2019-2020

ELA NYS Exams
Wednesday, March 25 & Thursday, March 26, 2020... ELA Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Speaking
Monday, April 13 & Friday, May 15, 2020

Math NYS Exams
Wednesday, April 22 -Thursday, April 23, 2020
Math Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Listening, Reading & Writing
Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15, 2020

NYS Science Performance
Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 29, 2020 ...
Grades 4 & 8

NYS Science Written
Monday, June 1, 2020 ... Grades 4 & 8

Saturday Academy Scheduled for 2019-2020

By this time, parents of students who require additional academic support, have received letters regarding our Saturday Academy Program. This program is mandatory for the students who received a letter. This program, along with our Targeted Assistance Program has resulted in the overwhelming success of our children on the NYS exams. As always, I have arranged for children to attend the Icahn Charter School closest to their homes since bussing is not available.

If you received a letter regarding Saturday Academy, your child must attend.

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December 14, 2019  February 1, 2020  March 14, 2020
January 4, 2020  February 8, 2020  March 21, 2020
January 11, 2020  February 29, 2020  March 28, 2020
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

During this very special time of year, I would like to wish our parents, children, faculty and staff a most Happy Thanksgiving. As I reflect on the things in my life that I am most happy for, my service as the founding principal of Icahn Charter School #1 and now superintendent of all Icahn Charter Schools is at the top of my list. As I discuss our schools with any one who would listen, I brag about how wonderful our children are, how amazing and supportive the parents are and what a dedicated and talented staff I work with.

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

Jeff Litt
Superintendent
TURKKEY TIME CONTEST!!!

Ever since the opening of Icahn Charter School #1 back in September of 2001, our school trustee, Mr. Robert Sancho, Vice President Bronx Lebanon Hospital has donated turkeys to our school. In that regard, I began the Turkey Time Contest and the winners are listed below:

I congratulate all of them for their outstanding writing and as always I am very grateful.
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