

PS 24 Family, Friends & Staff,

Thank you to our entire community for your flexibility in adapting your personal, family and professional calendars as we continue to do our best to educate our students and keep our schools open during this unprecedented time. I recognize that each time we announce a change, it poses significant challenges to families and staff.

I thought it would be helpful to explain why some of these changes are occurring and to provide a long-range view so that you all can make the necessary accommodations in your personal calendars as much in advance as possible.

Given all of the recent notifications of an increase in positive cases in our community, I recognize the irony in my sending this information now. However, we have to plan for the future, hoping for the best. I wish that this notification was announcing a return to full time, in-person school, the way our schools were supposed to operate. That time will hopefully come soon. Until then, I would like to communicate our current plans and invite you to make your voice heard on how we move forward as a community.

On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm, I would like to cordially invite all parents and staff to a virtual Town Hall meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss short and long terms plans in the event NYC schools are forced to move to remote-only instruction. Although the closure of NYC schools is not imminent, my team and I have been planning in the event we must go to 100% remote instruction.

During this meeting, I will be joined by our Parent Association, my admin team, and our UFT chapter leader to address some of your questions and concerns in the event we go fully remote. The Town Hall information is listed below:

Topic: Town Hall 11/16

Time: Nov 16, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86947481931?pwd=azJOYUtZUTBMVzZPdJQwOHMrd2EzZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 4748 1931

Passcode: 036809

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Again, I am ever hopeful that the day will come soon when I will be announcing that schools are back in business, all in, full-time. Until then, thank you for your flexibility and partnership in allowing us to continue to inspire and challenge all PS 24 students even in these most challenging times. I look forward to seeing you on Monday. Until then, please enjoy your weekend.

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