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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope all is well with you and your family. It seems like only yesterday that our eighth grade class came to us as sixth graders. Now it is time to look ahead to graduation from middle school and entry into high school.

As we maintain the highest levels of rigor and expectations at our school, we must remind everyone that there are specific requirements that must be met in order to satisfy graduation in June. In addition, there will be a variety of social events scheduled. These proceedings will also be contingent upon behavioral and academic progress. Students who display serious discipline problems may also be excluded from and/or all exercises at Isaac E. Young.

Students who **FAIL TWO OR MORE** major academic subjects (English, math, social studies, and science) will **NOT** be permitted to take part in our graduation ceremony. They must also attend summer school. Students who fail **THREE** or **MORE** subjects **MUST** attend summer school to ameliorate the failing grade(s) or risk **RETENTION**. Students who do not attend summer school and pass required coursework will be subjected to grade level **RETENTION**. Therefore, these students will **NOT** be allowed to move up to New Rochelle High School, and must **REPEAT** eighth grade. Students with one or more suspensions and/or those with multiple disciplinary referrals will not be allowed to take part in graduation activities (i.e. 8th grade trip, Prom, etc.).

I am corresponding to you now as there is still ample time for **ALL** students to correct failures for June. We have **ONE** marking period and all teachers have been instructed to make every attempt to assist students in being successful to pass all courses. Therefore, students have two months until June, and it is **NOT TOO LATE** for any student in our eighth grade to pass all courses (with extra help and work). There are a variety of special intervention programs for any/all students, both during the school day and after school as well. You may contact your child's School Counselor at any time.

As we move ahead I want to offer my support to you and your family and urge you to call, come by, contact the PTA, or do anything you prefer to involve yourself in our mission. Our goal is to bring academic excellence and opportunity to all students, and offer them the potential for success in high school. I appreciate your support, and welcome your comments. Please enjoy the next few months and I offer my best wishes to you all. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Bongo