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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attached you will find a summary of the Code of Conduct to be shared with your student to ensure that each student understands the standards of respect and the appropriate behavior expected within the school community. The Summary of the Code of Conduct includes information on the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) and provides the name of the Dignity Act Coordinator for our school—**Ms. Paula Cohen, Assistant Principal.**

The Dignity Act prohibits discrimination, bullying, and cyber-bullying of students on school property, including at school functions by any student and/or employee. The amended Dignity Act states that cyber-bullying may include, among other things, the use, both on and off school property, of electronic technology, including but not limited to, e-mail, instant messaging, blogs, chat rooms, pager, cell phones, gaming systems and social media websites, to deliberately harass or threaten others.

The City School District of New Rochelle approved a new District-Wide School Safety Plan and Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for each school on June 25, 2013. The District-Wide School Safety Plan and the Summary of School Building-Level Emergency Response Plans are posted on the District website in the School Safety section.

Safety training and safety drills will be held throughout the school year. Safety drills will include fire drills, lockdown and lockout drills, and an evacuation drill. Training is designed to be age appropriate and to ensure that students understand the importance of these drills without causing unnecessary alarm. Please discuss with your child/children the importance of listening to the directions of the adult in charge in all emergency situations. Notification of an evacuation drill with students moving from their school to an alternate site will be provided to parents.

In the event of a real emergency, all parents and guardians will be contacted via the ConnectEd phone and text message system. Updates on emergency situations would be provided through the ConnectEd phone and message system as well as through the District website www.nred.org; announcements through local media; and Cablevision EDUC Channel 77 and Verizon Channel 30 in New Rochelle.

Please make sure your emergency contact information up to date so that our school is able to contact you at all times.

Respectfully,

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