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Parent Letter #5- Delay in Reopening of School

September 17, 2020

Dear PS/MS 71 Families:

Please see the update from the Chancellor regarding the 2nd delay in the re-opening of schools. In person learning will begin on Tuesday, September 29th. Only students in the C- Cohort will attend in person, while blended and remote students learn from home.

During the week of September 21st, all students will participate in remote learning.

Regards,

Mrs. Margaret Mirando
 Principal

From the Chancellor:

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. I am writing to you today with an important update on the start of school.

For months we have, together, been preparing to reopen our school buildings. Our city’s infection rate has positioned us as the only major city in the country able to welcome our children back to our schools for in-person learning.

As we began our preparations, we made a pledge that we would put health and safety first. And we made plans to make rich, high-quality learning experiences available to all students, regardless of where they are learning from. That is what we have done – and we must continue to live up to our promises as we prepare to open our buildings to students and families.

Toward those ends, we have worked with our labor partners on a new staggered start for in-person learning at the beginning of this school year. Children who are enrolled in fully remote programs will still begin full-day instruction on Monday, September 21.

However, children in blended learning will be learning remotely until their in-person start date as outlined here:

Blended Learning Students Enrolled In:	In-Person Learning Begins On:
Grades 3K and Pre-K (in any school type/grade configuration)	Monday 9/21
District 75 (all grades)	Monday 9/21
By School Type:	
Students enrolled in · Elementary Schools (K-5 and K-8) (includes students in grades 6-8 in K-8 schools)	Tuesday 9/29
Students enrolled in: · Middle Schools (Grades 6-8) · High Schools (Grades 9-12) · Secondary Schools (Grades 6-12) · Transfer Schools, Adult Education, Evening Schools, Alternate Learning Centers	Thursday 10/1
Schools with Other Grade Configurations:	
Students enrolled in K-2 and K-3 Schools	Tuesday 9/29
Students enrolled in K-12 Schools	Tuesday 9/29

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We know that our schools and families are eager to reconnect in person – I know I am excited for that as well, and have heard that from so many families. We believe this extra time will help make sure that all schools and all educators are best positioned to deliver a strong, safe, and supportive environment for teaching and learning to take place.

I always say that New York City has the best teachers and staff in the world, and nothing will ever change that – no matter when, where, and how we are teaching and serving our students and their families.

Thank you for everything you do for the children and families of this city.

Sincerely,
Richard