Dear Families of HSES,

As always, we are committed to the health and safety of our students and our staff. We will continue to be transparent and to share guidance with you that is provided by both the NYC Department of Education, and the NYC Department of Health. We have been also following the detailed cleaning and proactive protocols outlined by the Center for Disease Control for all schools. All surfaces in classrooms and offices schools are being cleaned by custodians on Mondays and Thursdays. We also want to let you know that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at our school.

The Department of Education has decided that next week's Parent Teacher Conferences will be conducted by phone or email. Parents and guardians will not attend in person. If you want to have a phone/email conference, please fill out the survey at https://forms.gle/fC4B6fvZFNNqT578. You must complete the survey by 3/20 at 2:30 PM!

All after school activities and trips are currently cancelled. Please note that the NYC Mayor has cancelled PSAL games and practices, school assemblies, plays and recitals. Saturday tutoring and other weekend events are also cancelled until further notice.

Certain absences are excused during this time period. If your student is going to be absent for one of the following reasons, please communicate with the student's guidance counselor.

- Students staying at home with ANY illness
- Students who have returned from COVID-19 affected areas and are self-quarantined
- Students who are absent due to exposure to COVID-19 and possess a doctor's note (although the note is not required)
- Students who are absent because their families/caregivers are keeping them home in an effort to reduce risk

You can find contact information for your student's guidance counselor on the website under "Contact Us," then "Guidance Department."

We will continue to communicate with you as we receive additional guidance and protocols from the Department of Education, Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control.

In the meantime, if you have any additional questions, we encourage you to consult the following resources. They are valuable resources for you, your family, and your friends.

- NYC.GOV https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page

Thank you for your continued commitment to the education of our students and to our community at large.

Sincerely,

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Principal