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Dear PS147 Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! It is my hope that you enjoyed the Summer months away from school finding some time to relax and recharge prior to the start of a new and exciting school year. I am thrilled that you are part of an amazing school community. I welcome your positive energy and dedication to equity and excellence in education, and look forward to working closely with you and your children.

This year is going to be yet another productive and wondrous school year at PS147. Our skilled, highly qualified and dedicated staff has been engaged in professional learning opportunities, as well as intensive planning and preparation for your children which will continue throughout the school year. One example of this was just this past week when many staff members shortened their vacations to participate in classroom preparation, orientations and professional learning activities prior to students' arrival. Our Custodial Staff, Assistant Principal, Staff, and Summer Youth workers worked extremely hard to ensure that our Main Office, closets, classrooms and building facility as a whole are thoroughly cleaned and organized. Parent and teacher leader volunteers worked collaboratively on the makeover of our Play Room, mural projects (interior/exterior), gardening, orientations and fundraising activities. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has been busy gearing up for the process of welcoming our families, facilitating outreach, providing volunteer opportunities, and offering exciting events as well as activities in collaboration with school staff.

With the start of every new school year, we embrace positive changes. These changes include the welcoming of new staff members to PS147. We are delighted to welcome the following Teachers: Ms. Leavey - Music and Arts, Mr. Scott - Physical Education, Ms. Cordero - English as a New Language, Ms. Ito - Japanese Language Teacher, Ms. Lopez - Grade 2, Ms. Villalona - Grade 3, Ms. Maldonado - Grade 4, Ms. Kellam - Grade 2, and of course, our returning Teachers and Staff.

In order to meet the needs of our growing school, our Custodial Team has dismantled the existing Book Room and converted it to a functioning classroom space. The books that were previously housed in the Book Room are now neatly stored in the closets of the Teachers' Lounge. These books will be made available to classroom teachers, so that they may continue replenishing their classroom libraries based on the diverse needs of student learners throughout the course of the school year. The Custodial Team continues to work closely with the Department of Facilities to ensure impeccable building cleanliness and hygiene. Furthermore, the Department of Facilities will now oversee our Participatory Budgeting project comprised of an Auditorium upgrade instead of the School Construction Authority. We are hopeful that this change will be more cost

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efficient for the project itself. We are looking forward to working with the School Construction Authority and Department of Facilities to begin planning for our School Yard upgrade. The auditorium air conditioning project work continues into this school year. The Custodial Team alongside parent volunteers and the appropriate city agencies have worked together to install bicycle racks and street signs on Bushwick Avenue and Seigel Street. Volunteer parents have worked on addressing issues regarding traffic safety, environment, quality of life and health issues that directly impact our school community. These collective efforts prove that we are an empowered, joyous and caring community who share common goals of nurturing collective responsibility engaging parents, staff and students while promoting high-level learning.

A great deal of effort, time and thought has gone into the process of student placement. Careful consideration was given including input from experienced staff and families, as well as student learning styles. Our class lists are carefully organized to ensure the Chancellor's vision of equity and excellence for all students in every class and grade level. Thank you for being positive and understanding that it is impossible to place every student with a preferred best friend or teacher. Please rest assure that all of our staff work hard to ensure that school is a positive experience for all students. Thank you in advance for understanding that it can take a few weeks for children to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Finally, I wish to thank all staff and parents who helped me prepare for the start of a new school year. Your commitment towards ensuring that PS147 remains a celebrated and successful school is inspiring, deeply appreciated and heartfelt.

I look forward to the start of yet another amazing school year at our wonderful school. It is an honor and privilege to serve you as Principal. It is my belief that by working together in the best interest of all students, I trust that we will make the 2018-19 school year one filled with growth and achievement for all students while helping to foster joy and wonder in both teaching and learning.

Yours truly,

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