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Dear JHS 202 Families –

I hope you are safe and enjoying your summer. We are at the mid point.

This afternoon, principals across NYC attended a meeting with the Chancellor's team. The focus of the meeting was the safe reopening of our schools in September. I will be sharing this information with you next week. Still many questions, but we are beginning to get some clarity around many of the concerns school communities have. Below I'm providing you with a brief overview of what is scheduled next week so you are aware of the planning process for our reopening.

1. Monday August 3rd, campus Principals Fitzgerald & Birgelis (High School 308 co-located in our school building) will be meeting with our head custodian Mr. Feminella to discuss and review the latest information shared at today's meeting. This meeting will prioritize safety, wellness and social distancing guidelines.
2. Tuesday August 4th, meeting with our SLT/Reopening committee to discuss the blended model options and other information centered around our reopening. Specifically, safety, instruction, programming, health guidelines and other topics.
3. Wednesday August 5th, meeting **ALL OF YOU** to present the latest information. Invites are forthcoming. Our team is working on it.
4. Thursday August 6th & Friday August 7th, meeting with safety teams, cabinet and our ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) to begin the process of examining our instructional priorities, social and emotional priorities, trauma informed care, reopening, teacher & student programs
5. Following week, meeting virtually with JHS 202 faculty to begin the planning for reopening.

My hope is to send an invite early next week to parents for Wednesday's Parent meeting. We need to make sure all of our grade 6 and new families have access to a Google classroom. This is where we typically send invitations to families for our virtual meetings. Look for this early next week. You can ask questions in advance by emailing the grade AP, dean, counselor, are found on the contacts tab on our school's website (www.ms202q.org). You can also type questions in the chat box throughout the meeting and I will make every attempt to answer your questions based on what I know.

Below is a link to assist you with many of the questions surfacing with the reopening of schools. I suggest you copy and paste the link and navigate the site. The DOE has created some helpful information for our families. But again, we are here to help. As I mentioned in my pre-recorded calls over the last two days, I understand and hear your frustration, but we are confident we will work through these challenges together.

Eid al-Adha begins this evening. Have a blessed Eid!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr. Fitzgerald
Principal, JHS 202

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/teaching-and-learning>