

D16 WEEKLY UPDATES

Brooklyn Proud!
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"Building a Community of Excellence!"

Week of May 29th



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FROM THE DESK OF

SUPERINTENDENT AMON

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day extended weekend and returned refreshed and renewed for the final stretch ahead. As a child, it seemed that Memorial Day was the unofficial start of summer for most, as an adult, it has shifted to Memorial Day being a signal of how much more we have to do in the little time left! Even though today is Tuesday, May 29th, by the end of this week we will have officially entered the month of June, the last month in our 2017-18 school year. My how time flies!

This week I direct your attention to the important upcoming events. On Thursday, May 31st, I look forward to our exciting Annual Science/STEM Fair and the opportunity to visit with our science/STEM scholars and hear how the world of science/STEM has impacted their world. Principals are reminded to have their science liaisons and participating students at Madiba Preparatory School by 2:00 PM. The Science Fair will officially begin at 4:30 PM after judging has occurred. ***Participating students who arrive late may run the risk of not having their projects judged for competition.*** As a reminder also ensure that any participating student has a signed Media Release on file at the school as pictures and videos will be a part of this process. Again, this will be an exciting time for our students and our schools are reminded to adhere to the requested timeframe.

Finally, administrators are reminded to register and attend the Saturday, June 2nd Chancellor's Conference at LaGuardia High School. See you there!

Have a wonderful week!

DLT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of District 16 is to foster a passion for lifelong learning that leads to academic excellence through strong partnerships among families, staff members and community. District 16 is committed to preparing its students for active citizenship in a 21st century global society.

GRADUATION 2018

Hear ye! Hear ye!

We have a unique opportunity to highlight some of our June 2018 graduates in our community paper, Our Time Press. Each school is asked to submit the following information to Antonio Arocho by **COB** on **Thursday, June 7th!**

- ❖ Name of June 2018 Valedictorian
- ❖ Name of June 2018 Salutatorian
- ❖ Name of Graduating Student who has shown greatest progress and improvement during the 2017-18 school year!

A special article is planned to feature these students and may photographs (head shots)! Additional information is forthcoming! Please be timely in your submission of the requested information.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING!

[NYSED NEXT GENERATION LEARNING STANDARDS CONFERENCE FOR ELA AND MATH](#)

[Elementary, middle, and high schools](#)

[June 8, 2018](#)

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is presenting a one-day professional learning opportunity on Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS) to strengthen educators' theoretical and practical knowledge in implementing high-quality, academically rigorous standards for all New York State students. The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Nonie Lesaux, of Harvard Graduate School of Education, and will include separate introductions for English Language Arts and math, as well as workshops that target specific grade-levels, content-areas, English Language Learners (ELLs), and Students With Disabilities (SWD).

The conference will be held at Hunter College (West Building, Lexington and 68th Street in Manhattan) from 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on **June 8**. Please see Principals' Weekly for registration information and link. admission is on a first-come, first-served basis, with limited-seating availability. On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the conference.

[Leadership that Supports Excellence and Equity in Algebra - July 11, 2018.](#)

This session is for any school leaders who were unable to attend on April 19th. The day will be packed with discussions of what to look for when visiting your math classrooms, and how to support a strong, equitable math program in your school. We hope that you will walk away from this, and all sessions, being part of a cohort of administrators who support strong mathematics teaching. For more information and to register, please use the link below.

[Register Here for the Summer 2018 Algebra for All Administrator Session-Leadership that Supports Excellence and Equity in Algebra](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL 2018!

[Prepare for Summer in the City \(SITC\) 2018](#)

As in past years, Summer in the City (SITC) will continue to offer a variety of instructional and enrichment programming for New York City students, including instruction for mandated students, Extended School Year (ESY) programs, District 75, District 79, ELL summer enrichment programs, Community Schools, and Renewal School students. In preparation for SITC 2018, you and your staff should review the following information:

For grades 2-8, SITC 2018 will include 22 instructional days, Monday through Thursday, from **July 5** to **August 9**. Instruction will run from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For high school students, SITC 2018 will include 30 instructional days, five hours per day, Monday through Friday, from **July 5** to **August 15**. High schools set their own schedules for the five instructional-hours per day.

Students will continue to take courses for credits toward graduation and the August Regents exams. High schools that share the same site affiliation should collaborate to offer a variety of credit-bearing courses on campuses to serve as many students in the community as possible.

Professional development sessions for summer school teachers at elementary and middle schools will be held on **June 27, 28, and 29**. Additional information regarding SITC professional development will be announced in an upcoming edition of *Principals' Weekly*.

For questions, contact your FSC [director of operational support](#).

[Review Extended-Use Summer Guidelines](#)

If your school building is hosting a summer program, you or a designee must create a summer permit for each program in your building, via the [Custodial Payroll System \(CPS\)](#), before the program(s) begins. You should review the [extended use summer permit guidelines](#) to ensure that you, any personnel, or outside organization using your building are in compliance with the policies and procedures that govern school-building use during the summer. Note that the guidelines provide information regarding the creation of permits for the summer, official summer program dates and times, space and security rates, as well as contact information for every extended-use borough office.

Principals' Weekly

[Guidance on Exclusions from Graduation Ceremonies](#)

Graduation ceremonies mark significant developmental milestones for students and families and provide an opportunity for achievement to be acknowledged and celebrated by the whole school community. It is the policy of the DOE that a student, including a student who is suspended at the time the graduation ceremony is scheduled to occur, may not be excluded from the graduation unless the student poses a threat of violence or disruption to the event or the conduct that is the basis for the potential exclusion is particularly egregious. Alternative interventions and/or disciplinary measures should be utilized for students whose behavior does not meet this standard. Exclusions cannot be imposed for generalized or vague reasons. The following provides detailed guidance for you and your staff to ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and appropriately:

Careful consideration must be given to whether a student should be excluded from a graduation for behavioral reasons. Each situation must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. In determining whether a student poses a threat of violence or disruption or whether behavior is so egregious as to warrant exclusion, you should consider, among other things, the nature of the misbehavior and its impact on the school community, who will be present at the graduation ceremony, and whether they were involved or affected by the incident, and when the misbehavior occurred in relation to the graduation.

The student and parent must be given written notice of the possible exclusion and an opportunity to discuss the underlying facts and the potential disciplinary action before any measures are taken. Parents must be provided with written notice of your determination regarding an exclusion from a graduation at least four weeks prior to the event, where possible, and therefore notice and opportunity to be heard must be scheduled and provided accordingly. Parents may appeal a decision to exclude a student from graduation by filing a written appeal with the superintendent.

In preparation for graduation, please backpack home this [letter on excluding students from graduation ceremonies](#) with your students by **May 25**.



Grants! Grants! Grants!

Grant opportunities are posted on the [Grants](#) website (you can visit the page on any computer [using this link](#)). This week's highlights include:

[Target Youth Soccer Grants](#)

PARENT CORNER

PA/PTA Elections and SLT Parent Member Elections

School Type: **Elementary, middle, and high schools**

As in previous years, your school should conduct PA/PTA elections followed by School Leadership Team (SLT) elections, after which you or your parent coordinators should enter all PA/PTA executive board and SLT member information in the [School Parent Leader Contact Information \(SPLCI\) system](#) by **July 13**. In addition, please review the following information and take appropriate actions:

PA/PTA Elections: In accordance with [Chancellor's Regulation A-660](#) and [Compliance Checklist \(CL#10\)](#), all schools are required to hold annual PA/PTA elections by the last day of the 2017-18 school year, which is **June 26**. Your PA/PTA executive board or nominating committee members should have provided you with the date, time and location of this year's election by April 1. If you have not yet received this information, you should follow up with your PA/PTA executive board or nominating committee, by **May 1**.

You will receive a PA/PTA election poster during the week of **May 7**, and should place it in a prominent location in your school to announce the date, time, and location of the PA/PTA election. Updated PA/PTA election resource materials, including guides, ballots and templates can be found on the [PA/PTA Resources page](#).

SLT Parent Member Elections: In accordance with [Chancellor's Regulation A-655](#), parent members of the PA/PTA should conduct the School Leadership Team (SLT) parent member's elections, following the election of officers to the PA/PTA.

For more information or questions, contact your [family leadership coordinator](#).

Below are the monthly Parent Coordinator meeting dates for the 2017-18 school year. This year, PCs will only meet every other month starting in October. Please ensure that these dates are on your calendar, as the meetings are a full-day and all PCs are expected to attend:

June 13 2017

Best
Practice
Tips:

❖ Meet with your
PC weekly

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, May 31st—Science/STEM Fair—Madiba Prep @ Public School 26

- ⇒ Student Participants and Liaison arrive promptly at 2:00 PM
- ⇒ Private Student Judging takes place from 3:30 to 4:30 PM
- ⇒ Science Fair officially opens at 4:30 PM

Saturday, June 2nd—Chancellor's Professional Development Day—9:00 AM @ LaGuardia High School

Tuesday, June 5th—District 16 ESSA (The Every Student Succeeds Act" Training at D. 16 Family Resource Center @ 57 Campus—9:30 AM

Wednesday, June 6th—PTA Training @ PS 56 (D. 13—170 Gates Avenue) - 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 7th—Brooklyn-Queens Day (no school for students) - Promising Practice Fair @ Public School 26

Friday, June 8th—Scholar Ambassadors @ PS 26—11:00 AM
