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UPDATE: For 8th Grade students regarding High School Waitlists

8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and healthy and adjusting to this new - temporary - way of life. You should have received your high school results by now. If not you can log into your myschools account and to view the school you were matched to along with any waitlists you may be on. If you did not receive your high school match and can not get into your account please email me and I will send you your information.

There will be no Round 2 application this year. Instead, all high school programs (except the nine Specialized High Schools) will have waitlists. Students who receive an offer to their first choice program will not automatically be on any waitlists.

Each student's offer letter will include the list of programs whose waitlist the student is automatically on. "ON WAITLIST" means the student *does not* have an offer to that program. It means the student is on the waitlist.

Waitlist position:

- The student's position on each waitlist is their comprehensive position on the waitlist
- For example, if a GE student is in waitlist position 370, this means there are a total of 369 other GE students ahead of this student on the waitlist. If a student with disabilities is in waitlist position 256, this means that there are a total of 255 other SWD students ahead of this student on the waitlist.
- More information about waitlist position is on the Dept of Education website: schools.nyc.gov/waitlists

You can add your child to additional waitlists even if the programs were not on your original application, or was listed lower on the student's application than their offer. However, please remember your child must be eligible for the program you are adding to his/her waitlist. You can also remove yourself from any waitlist you no longer want. You can do all this on your Myschools account by following these steps:

- 1. On the Dashboard page. Click botton that says "View Results and Waitlists"
- 2. Scroll down and click on blue button that says "View Waitlists"

- 3. To add your student to additional waitlists, you can:
 - a. Click the Search tab at the top.
 - b. Search for schools and programs in the online directory.
 - c. Use the filter buttons to narrow down the search.
 - d. Click the name of a school to read more about the school.
 - e. Click the name of a program to read more about the program and add the child to the waitlist.
- 4. After clicking the name of a program, the family can click on the blue button labeled "Join Waitlist" to add their child to the program's waitlist. Families can scroll down to see the admissions method, priority groups, and demand last year.
- 5. After adding their child to the program's waitlist, families can click the Waitlist tab at the top. The new waitlist program now appears among the list of waitlist programs that the child is on, on the waitlist screen. The child's waitlist position and priority group are now visible for the family.

High schools will contact you directly if you are accepted through a waitlist. In order to support school staff and families, we now have:

- HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov: This email is for school staff and families who have questions about high school admissions. Please allow for 48 hours response time.
- Waitlists@schools.nyc.gov: This email is for school staff and families who have questions about waitlists or want to request to be added to waitlists. Please allow for 24 – 48 hours response time.
- Families can also be directed here for answers to common waitlist questions: schools.nyc.gov/waitlists
- The High School Open House Calendar, which will soon include virtual open house opportunities at high schools for admitted students and for students exploring other options through waitlists: schools.nyc.gov/high

I am here if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to help.

Take care and stay safe and healthy. ©

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