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Dear Queens United Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Queens United Middle School 289. I am grateful to have such wonderful scholars, families and staff in our school community. I know we will have a fun and productive year learning together.

SONYC is our expanded day program (2:40 P.M.-5:00 P.M.), which follows our school day (8:20 A.M.-2:40P.M.) for all 6th graders and selected 7th and 8th graders. This programming offers scholars numerous electives including service learning, arts, science, technology, mathematics (STEM), sports, clubs and teams.

We will continue to engage our scholars in all core content subject areas including Mathematics and Science, Visual Arts, Physical Education and Health. We are excited to offer Humanities (which is a blend of English Language Arts and Social Studies) as well as comprehensive Spanish and Technology courses. In addition, Regents classes in Living Environment and Algebra 1 for selected eighth graders. We will also offer honor courses for each grade. This past school year our Integrated Algebra Regents pass rate was 72% and our Living Environment Regents pass rate was 86%. We were so proud of our scholars and teachers!

Scholars are to enter the building daily at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast ONLY on 230th street (between 137th and 138th Avenues-near playground). This entrance will remain open until 8:24 A.M. After 8:24 A.M., scholars are to enter the building on 137th Avenue. It will also be our dismissal site at 2:40 P.M. for scholars who are not attending SONYC programming.

Scholars will be dismissed at 2:40 P.M. on September 8th and 9th. SONYC will begin on Monday, September 11th for all 6th graders and selected 7th/8th graders.

I look forward to working with you in making this school a safe and fun learning environment and sharing our progress with you. If you have any questions regarding our school, please visit our website at www.queensunited.org or email our parent coordinator, Mr. Pierre Loiseau, at ploiseau@queensunited.org. Welcome to our school community! We are the PRIDE of Laurelton; going the distance together.

Sincerely,

Richard Roder