

DOE Family Update

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Senior Transition Kickoff

Calling all families of high school seniors!

From **Monday, April 19** through **Friday, April 30**, seniors and their families can attend a series of on-line events that will help them get started on next steps for life after graduation. The event topics include:

- Financial aid workshops in 10 languages
- Preparing for what to expect after graduation
- Ways to use summer months to prepare for postsecondary transition
- Fall 2021 supports available and how to access them
- Text alerts about important reminders and next steps

Learn more about the Senior Transition Kickoff at bit.ly/SeniorTransitionKickoff21

Summer Rising

Summer is about to get a whole lot more exciting for students!

Beginning on **Monday, April 26**, New York City families can start signing up for Summer Rising, the City's free summer program for any child in grades K–12 who wants to participate.

Summer Rising combines the strength of the NYC Department of Education's academics with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development's school-based enrichment programming to help create bridges back to school this fall. And it gives parents peace of mind as they return to work.

Summer Rising is available in every neighborhood. Programs for students in grades K-8 will be full day, in-person experiences that will be run by local school leaders and trusted community-based organizations in safe and supportive environments. Each program will offer academic support, arts, and recreation, and staff members will be prepared to respond to students' social and emotional



needs. Summer Rising programs will also offer students local field trips to parks, pools, and other enriching outdoor venues that are educational and in accordance with State health and safety guidelines.

All Summer Rising programs will follow rigorous health and safety protocols, including social distancing and mask wearing, and every location will have access to testing, nursing support, and a telehealth call center. In addition, breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be served to each student.

For more information about Summer Rising, visit schools.nyc.gov/summer. To register beginning on April 26, visit discoverdycd.dycdconnect.nyc.

Family and Community Empowerment

Voting for City and Community Education Councils begins in one week!

For the first time, every parent or guardian of a New York City public school student now has the opportunity to vote for their Education Council representatives!

City and Community Education Councils (CCECs) serve as the voice of our families, offering important advice to the Chancellor and the NYC Department of Education. Voting begins on **Saturday, May 1** and ends on Tuesday, May 11.

To vote, you just need an NYC Schools Account (mystudent.nyc) that has all of your students registered. Visit schools.nyc.gov/NYCSA to learn more about the NYC Schools Account. If you do not have an NYC Schools Account, or need help registering your children to your existing account, please contact your school's Parent Coordinator for assistance.

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