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April 8, 2022

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

Although it may seem difficult to believe, the school year for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are rapidly drawing to a close. For parents/guardians, this is always a special moment. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you on the occasion of the moving up ceremony of your child from School 16. However, graduation is an academic ceremony to honor the educational journey of our students. The administration and faculty make every effort to provide a ceremony immersed in tradition, one that brings meaning to all graduates, their families and loved ones. Therefore, any student whom is not passing their classes' will **NOT** be able to participate in our graduation ceremony.

**Please allow me to share some important dates for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

- **June 6, 2022:** Cap and Gowns Distribution
- **June 10, 2022:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance at Castle Royal -92 Waverly Street, Yonkers from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. By invitation ONLY according to academic and behavioral status Permission slips for each student attending is required.
- **June 10-14, 2022:** All textbooks will be collected. The cost is \$45.00 per person
- **June 14, 2022:** Moving Up Ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. Line-up for graduates begins at 9:00 a.m. (Two (2) family members per student allowed)
- **June 15, 2022:** NYS Living Environment Regent from 12-4 p.m.
- **June 16, 2022:** NYS Algebra Regent from 8:45-12 p.m. for students in 8-1.
- **June 2022** Field Day-Date, Time and Location TBD

## **MOVING UP CEREMONY GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS**

In an attempt to provide a dignified graduation ceremony, we request that the following:

- Our students should wear Sunday's best attire.
- No sneakers or flip-flops.
- Proper behavior is expected of all graduates throughout the ceremony.
- Failure to comply will result in removal from the commencement ceremony.
- Students may not carry cell phones or cameras during the ceremony.
- We will ask parents to place balloons on the side by the wall to avoid obstruction of the ceremony.
- Families and guests, we ask that you are cordial and adhere to specific locations throughout the auditorium to take pictures.
- We will accommodate baby strollers in the back of the auditorium to keep aisles clear for our graduates.

### **Behavior Contract for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance**

*Participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is a privilege and it is important to hold our students to a high standard as they represent School 16 in a formal venue. Below is a list of the acceptable behaviors that we expect our students to follow leading up to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. By signing the bottom portion, students and guardians are accepting the requirements and the possible consequences of not abiding by them.*

**Students will be INELIGIBLE to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance if they demonstrate any of the following:**

1. Students may not have more than 3 behavior related incidents after October 30, 2021.
2. Students may not have excessive absences and/or unexcused tardiness.
3. Students must not have **any** form of suspension (internal or external) for the remainder of the current school year.

### **All cases are subject to review by administration.**

***The manner in which we conduct ourselves during the dance reflects the values we place on our mission statement. All students are expected to demonstrate the following positive behavior traits while at the dance:***

#### **Respectful**

- ✓ Listen to chaperones
- ✓ Treat surroundings with respect
- ✓ Use appropriate language

#### **Responsible**

- ✓ Follow all directions
- ✓ Speak with appropriate volume
- ✓ Keep all body parts to self
- ✓ Keep track of personal belongings at all times
- ✓ Observe lights out and stay in assigned room

\*All other acceptable behaviors as outlined in the Yonkers Public Schools Code of Conduct will be enforced.

Please read the above information with your 8<sup>th</sup> grade, sign and return the attached form indicating your understanding of School 16 moving up ceremony Guidelines for 2022, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance

If you have any questions please call me at 914-376-8340.

Thank you,



Dr. Vanessa Vásquez  
Principal