## P.S. 108 The Philip J. Abinanti School **UNITED IN EXCELLENCE** Charles Sperrazza Principal

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Dear Parents and Caregivers;

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, well and warm! This year has been an extraordinary year, a year we will remember for a long time to come. The pandemic, the uncertainty of each day, added responsibility for families juggling between work and school, and the list goes on and on. To that end, I applaud each and every one of you for hanging in there and making every effort to have your children attend school each day!

Next week, we will be holding our second Virtual Parent Teacher Conference Event on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. By now, you should have already received an emailed from you child's teacher to schedule an appointment. If you are unable to attended on the 4<sup>th</sup> an alternate date will be provided for you.

Recently on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rrd</sup>, parent members of PS 108 Annex Committee met with Bronx Executive Superintendent, Meisha Ross-Porter, Christine Vaughan, Superintendent of District 11, members of the School Construction Authority (SCA), Morris Park Community Board Members, and myself, to present their case identifying the need for additional middle school seats, in the community, and their wish to have the expansion project to be inclusive of 6, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The parent-group presented, highlighting: community, consistency, safety, and education/special-needs populations as major concerns for a middle school. The meeting lasted for a one hour and 15 minutes. At the conclusion, the Executive Superintendent requested that the data be sent to the DOE (her specifically) for review. It was also mentioned that this would be the first of a series of conversations that would take place.

Looking ahead, next week we'll be celebrating Spirit Week – each day will feature a different character, author, or theme to celebrate. For details - please check the flyer that was backpacked home or the landing page of the school's website: PublicSchool108.net.

On a final note, please continue to reinforce the importance of following all health and safety guidelines for the well-being of all.

Sincerely, Charles Principal –P.S. 108