

Dear Families,

Please join us in our citywide commitment to foster kindness and respect in our schools during “Respect for All” Week on **February 9–13, 2026**.

As parents and caregivers, we all know that teaching children to respect others is a shared responsibility. It is important that we as New Yorkers lead the way in demonstrating kindness and compassion for one another, respecting diversity, and preventing bullying.

Here are a few ways you can help support a safe and supportive school environment for all students:

- 1 Reinforce the “Respect for All” message that your children will hear in school that all students must be treated with respect—and bullying or harassment of any kind is NEVER acceptable!
- 2 Request help or make a report if a child has been bullied or discriminated against:
 - a Report the incident to your school’s Respect for All Liaison
 - b Submit a complaint online at nycenet.edu/BullyingReporting
 - c Call the Anti-Hate Hotline at **718-935-2889**
 - d Email RespectforAll@schools.nyc.gov
 - e Sexual or gender-based harassment: Title_IX_Inquiries@schools.nyc.gov
- 3 Learn about Respect for All policies: schools.nyc.gov/RespectForAll.
- 4 Send questions to your school’s principal or your school’s Respect for All Liaison.

To find the name of your school’s Respect for All Liaison:

- Visit schoolsearch.schools.nyc and scroll down and open the “School Contacts and Information” section.
- Their names are on posters displayed around your school as well.

In addition, you should receive from your school the Respect for All Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which is also directly available to you online at schools.nyc.gov/RespectForAll. This resource provides information on how to report incidents, the investigation process, and interventions to prevent and address bullying, harassment, intimidation, and/or discrimination.

Thank you for being an ally for kindness. By nurturing respect and inclusivity, we will all better support our children’s education and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kamar H. Samuels'.

Kamar H. Samuels, Chancellor
New York City Public Schools

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric Dinowitz'.

Eric Dinowitz, Chair
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