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Kelly McGuire: Start recording alright. So good morning, everybody. We'll go ahead and get started. I know that.

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Kelly McGuire: Jessica Harvey from Csa is gonna be joining us. Just in about 5 min or so.

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Kelly McGuire: And I did make an announcement today the to share that

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Kelly McGuire: Bill Doyle, who is often here from the team that

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Kelly McGuire: I honestly always forget that the the official title that he

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Kelly McGuire: has, but he the work that he does is really an interaction between the

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Kelly McGuire: the New York City and New York State. So he kind of like trans helps to translate the things that are required by the State, and then are implemented here in the city. So all of the things that are connected to grants different ways, that policies play out in the city that are mandated or created by the State. So

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Kelly McGuire: he won't be sharing today. And so we have may have like we will as it is presented here. An abbreviated agenda, because Bill often has things that he needs to share. But he won't be sharing those today.

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Kelly McGuire: I will ask that

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Kelly McGuire: we just please sign in. And I'll just put that sign in in the chat. It's just again, like the same Google form that we use.

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Kelly McGuire: And so yeah, please do that.

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Kelly McGuire: Leslie, I didn't check in with you ahead of time. Are there minutes that are to be shared, or we should we wait till

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Kelly McGuire: march to look back at some minutes?

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Kelly McGuire: You're on mute, Leslie, just.

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LHurdle: Glad I was on mute.

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LHurdle: Because I didn't say that. Well, I'm sorry we're gonna have to wait.

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Kelly McGuire: No problem. So we'll come back to

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Kelly McGuire: the minutes. There! There are transcripts that are uploaded to a shared drive that I think everybody has access to

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Kelly McGuire: and I'll just make sure that that shared drive is
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Kelly McGuire: available. I think everybody has access to the to the shared drive. But if you don't let me know, in case you ever want to look at

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Kelly McGuire: some of our Dlt transcripts or videos of past recordings, those are all there as well.

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Kelly McGuire: But

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Kelly McGuire: If there aren't any questions I will start by sharing a brief report from the superintendent, and then

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Kelly McGuire: We will give each of you to share any announcements or ask questions as a result of your role. But are there any questions just to start? Just

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Kelly McGuire: okay, alright. So then we'll go into this

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Kelly McGuire: So

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Kelly McGuire: got a few things that to share this morning I did just wanna put one stat page up. We always like to

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Kelly McGuire: give a little bit of an update. I know. You know, lots can come out from

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Kelly McGuire: the district team or the central team that might be might sound more like opinions, but

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Kelly McGuire: we also want to couple, and some of those opinions may be fully accurate, and all of that as well, but we also want to couple our announcements with some numbers that are connected to our district.

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Kelly McGuire: So we continue to hold about the same. You know our district attendance is up by a little over 6% this year as compared to last year, and we are not seeing that drop month over month. So we're continuing to

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Kelly McGuire: serve and support a little over 22,000 kids here in the district. And again, that's about a 6% increase over last year

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Kelly McGuire: the numbers of students in temporary housing. We did see a little bit of a dip earlier this year by a couple of 100, but holding at 2,000, which is more than we've had in years prior to our district and city, beginning to serve lots of students and families seeking asylum.

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Kelly McGuire: So you know, prior to that influx of kids, we served more like 5 or 600 kids. So the 2,000 is definitely an increase there. But that number really hasn't been changing since earlier this year. And these data are

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Kelly McGuire: updated again. These are just rough numbers, but they're pretty close to accurate. And so 4,100 students with disabilities, 2,400 students who are English language or multilingual learners. Again.

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Kelly McGuire: that number is higher than in previous years, and we have about 553 K and pre-k students that are not figured into the total number of students in the district. They are recorded separately. We have about 550 of them, including 22 students who are in our new special classes for pre-k students that are

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Kelly McGuire: a part of the district 2 pre-k center, which is housed at the Peck Slip building. And I'll talk a little bit more about that, because those students started school today. So it's very exciting. Update.

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Craig Slutzkin: Our district attendance rate, 93%.

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Kelly McGuire: Question on that? Sure.

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah.

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Craig Slutzkin: So on the 22 new students in this special class.

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Craig Slutzkin: Maybe I misunderstood when you spoke about it at the Cec meeting. Wasn't that for Iep specifically for Iep because you have it under the 2,400. Ell, mll, what does Mll remind me what Mll stands for.

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Kelly McGuire: Sure. So it's either English language learners or multilingual learners.

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Kelly McGuire: Okay.

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Craig Slutzkin: So yeah.

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Craig Slutzkin: have the 22 under that ell, mll, but if they're iep, I just are we mixing up and oranges a little bit? I just have.

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Kelly McGuire: My formatting those dots should not be there. They should, I should have.

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Craig Slutzkin: Okay.

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Kelly McGuire: Formatted, left.

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Craig Slutzkin: Okay is that I just wanna make sure that the 22 students were in the special class dedicated towards Iep, because that was what I thought the intention was.

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Kelly McGuire: Yep, I'm not sure why I did that, but.

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Craig Slutzkin: Okay, that's fine.

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Craig Slutzkin: Right? 5 times.

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Kelly McGuire: Probably should be a space and justify left on those 2 dots there.

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Kelly McGuire: But yeah, the all all 22 students that are in the special are new to the district as a part of the new pre-k classrooms are all students with special needs. At the school, and again. Then, we see our attendance rate here. 93% overall, 20% chronically absent.

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Kelly McGuire: the range this year, so far

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Kelly McGuire: from week over week. We did have one week in the which our district average attendance dropped to 80%

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Kelly McGuire: and that week, just objectively stating it was the week of Martin Luther King Day, January 20, th and people may have a variety of reasons for saying, you know why the attendance rate dropped to 80%. Was it part of our new President's Inauguration day?

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Kelly McGuire: Was it the fact that it was extremely cold that week?

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Kelly McGuire: But I am happy to say that it did not remain at 80% and came back up to 93%. Our district average attendance prior to our

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Kelly McGuire: serving a lot of students and families from seeking asylum who are seeking asylum was closer to 94, 94, and a half percent. And we know historically that we have a lot to work on in regard to

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Kelly McGuire: supporting families who are living in temporary housing, to get to school every single day. We definitely see higher rates of absenteeism amongst families who are living in temporary housing, and we're always trying to do better with that in terms of supporting them and encouraging them to be in school every day.

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Craig Slutzkin: Sorry, Kelly, I'm gonna ask another question.

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Kelly McGuire: Yay!

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Craig Slutzkin: How so? 2 questions on the on the chronically absent.

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Craig Slutzkin: Have you ever done some kind of an analysis to see why, what? Why, someone is chronically absent, because I can understand, like I,

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Craig Slutzkin: what I see sometimes. And this is, you know, not really why someone should be absent. But you know, especially in in this district, to be perfectly blunt. You get people who

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Craig Slutzkin: decide that they're going to take a 2 week vacation instead of a 1 week vacation because they're able to do that, and they're chronically absent because of that. That's 1 reason to be chronically absent. And that's not good. I don't want to say that that's good, and excuse that as opposed to chronically absent because they can't get to school. There's transportation or family issues that we need to. You know there's 1 thing that the

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Craig Slutzkin: taking 2 weeks of vacation to the Bahamas, or wherever is one thing. But you're not going to really work. There's not much you can do about that. Families are going to do what they're going to do. But on the other side, you know, they can't get to school. There's family issues. The family parents have to work and can't take them in whatever it is.

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Craig Slutzkin: Have you ever done analysis to see what exactly is that breakout? And then the second question that I have, because it relates is, you were saying that you have to take steps to, for, especially in students with temporary housing. What do you? What steps are like? I'm just curious, like, what steps

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Craig Slutzkin: can you do like, I know, at my school they sort of have buddies. So like, there's a member of the faculty who tries to call up the family and say, How can we support you and try to make a 1-to-one connection, and that seems to have worked with some folks. But what do you do? What does the district do, and what what can the principals do?

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Kelly McGuire: So there are a lot of things, and if anybody else wants to chime in after I say a couple of things, please feel free to do so. I will say that. And this is just

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Kelly McGuire: that, I think fits into

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Kelly McGuire: There's some reasoning around why the attendance rate for chronic why students may be chronically absent and just to define chronic absenteeism. It is 10 days of I'm sorry. 10% of the days absence so far this year. So it is, we've had close to 100 days of school. So kids who have been absent 10 days

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Kelly McGuire: so far around, that would be fit into this chronic absence.

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Kelly McGuire: This group of kids who are chronically absent.

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Kelly McGuire: So that's 1 thing. The other thing is, we do see the highest rates of absenteeism amongst students who are in pre-k

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Kelly McGuire: and 3 K. So again, you know, these are some of the, you know, decisions or family factors that might figure into why a student is not able to get to school.

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Kelly McGuire: we have done some analyses, and I think that those are most effective when thinking about what the impact of work has been at different schools on different groups of

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Kelly McGuire: families. So, for example, what is the best way, or what? What are we seeing around students from families seeking asylum, or students who are living in temporary housing? You know what are the factors that weigh into that. And

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Kelly McGuire: you know, we hear a lot about like different appointments that families need to attend, that there is our childcare issues and things like things like that.

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Kelly McGuire: schools have done. I think a increasingly, they've gotten a little bit better each year that I've been in this role at addressing absenteeism with families. And

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Kelly McGuire: you know, I I think, that the number of automated communications and responses that have been coming from schools have really become much more prolific across the district. That's 1 thing.

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Kelly McGuire: And I think also that with

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Kelly McGuire: a lot of our schools that they have, you know, they had. Sometimes schools have to be real investigators, because families might leave the school and not necessarily inform the school that they had left. So

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Kelly McGuire: ultimately, when a child or family is found and identified, then

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Kelly McGuire: we can go back and correct attendance. But until that happens, students are listed as absent.

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Kelly McGuire: So that's like a little bit of a mishmash of different things. There's definitely like more ideas and work that we can do around this. In order to

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Kelly McGuire: learn more about individual families as well as other strategies. But those are some things that just come to mind as you're sharing this. But if there are other folks who might who want to share thoughts on this, I'm happy to. I'd love to

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Kelly McGuire: feel free to chime in.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: I'll jump in only because I help support attendance during over the pandemic district. So got to work with the schools a little bit, but you know, overall our district 2 has always been known to have very high attendance. Compared to a lot of districts. So a lot of the focus was on individual populations or groups of students. And that's where a lot of the work can be done. A lot of the really individual work.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: I know that the attendance teachers and school attendance teams meet together, and it really is going through each student and family to understand what the obstacles are, what the barriers are. That's always the goal is to figure out the barriers. And how can they help bridge that and support the family. So it's really a. It is investigative

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: kind of approach, and is always the best strategy, and it's a lot of outreach, but that always has had the most positive effects.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: you know, aside from other other strategies that are more broadly used, like rewards, assistance. But I think really the

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: handling individual students and families has always had the the best outcomes in terms of those who are really who have the who are.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: I guess, the highest percentage of of Ca.

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Kelly McGuire: Thanks, Tina. Just welcome, Jessica Harvey. Thanks. Great, great to have you here today. I did just drop a attendance report into the chat. And we're on our 1st slide. This is literally the 1st thing we've done just some background data and information on the on the district. But we were asked. We were looking at this question around attendance and chronic absenteeism and if anybody else has anything they'd like to share in regard to what they've heard being done, or

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Kelly McGuire: stories that they've heard. Please feel free.

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Kelly McGuire: Some other notes. Then here on the right hand column, are other measures that we are

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Kelly McGuire: looking at and monitoring too.

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Kelly McGuire: We have seen a big drop in the number of level 4 and 5 incidents

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Kelly McGuire: down by 44 at this point, and last, since last year, as well as principal suspensions, down by 39, see a slight increase in the number of superintendent suspensions which are a more serious suspension for bigger incidences. We're not seeing an increase in weapons or things like that, but these could be used as a result of a fight

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Kelly McGuire: or threat overall the number of suspensions in the district has dropped by 24% since last year.

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Kelly McGuire: And

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Kelly McGuire: we also look at suicidal ideation which is increased by 7 points. Or, excuse me, 7 incidences since last year. At this time we are working to gather incidences regarding bullying those data are not as readily available because there's not one category of bullying that

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Kelly McGuire: is recorded. It's not like bullying is is one measure. It can show up in a bunch of different ways.

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Kelly McGuire: But it can show up in a bunch of different ways. But

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Kelly McGuire: Just gonna ask

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Kelly McGuire: But we? I'm looking to have those numbers. By Wednesday. Our Cec meeting.

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Kelly McGuire: Jessica. Sorry about that. I'm not sure what happened, but I did just make you co-host so hopefully, you're able to unmute. Now.

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jessica harvey: Yes, thank you. Sorry about that.

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Kelly McGuire: No no no problem.

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jessica harvey: I just wanted to share that throughout the schools. I'm hearing many, many stories of parents being really afraid of

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jessica harvey: the potential of ice coming in to the point where they're keeping students at home. And I have concerns with what you were talking about regarding our previous methods of investigating absences

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jessica harvey: in schools, because it may be seen as ice adjacent.

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jessica harvey: And also because it may be seen as overly invasive at this time, and I wanted to

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jessica harvey: sort of hear about that, because what I don't see in this slide is any mention of that at all? And and it was actually the last slide.

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Kelly McGuire: yeah, I I bet we're on the same page with this. Just I I just wanted to reiterate it or or explain like what I was sharing in regard to investigations. You know, when I was talking about attendance investigations, it was really

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Kelly McGuire: in the circumstance under which and I think Tina might have commented on this too. The circumstance under which a child just hasn't come to school, and you know, if we don't hear from a family for one day, you know.

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Kelly McGuire: Fine! We'd love to hear from families every day that a child is absent, but one day, maybe doesn't send up a red flag. But if a child is absent for 2 days or 3 days, and we're not hearing from families, then, you know, we have an obligation, and we start to worry so.

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Kelly McGuire: But I bet that that's consistent with you know your thoughts and feelings on it, too. I don't want to assume, but I I bet.

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jessica harvey: Well, I do.

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jessica harvey: I do think it is somewhat consistent. I I

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jessica harvey: also am concerned that getting multiple calls

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jessica harvey: home or getting multiple calls to a place of temporary residence regarding lack of attendance.

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jessica harvey: can be very frightening for families in their current situation with

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jessica harvey: feeling that ice is potentially after them. And I also think that it's really problematic that we, as a district, are using attendance as part of

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jessica harvey: looking at how well we are doing when we know that that

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jessica harvey: many families feel at this time that attendance is potentially dangerous for their family.

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah.

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jessica harvey: So I want to see what can be. You know how we're going to deal with that. I mean, we chose that before this was happening.

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Kelly McGuire: Thank you.

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah.

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Kelly McGuire: I guess it's could certainly be like a much longer conversation. I I

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Kelly McGuire: I think that you know a lot of things can be true. At the same time, I think that you're right, that families we do have some families that are afraid to come to school, because what happens if a parent is arrested when the child's at school, that by ice, or another by ice, or another non-governmental

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Kelly McGuire: entity that is very scary for families, and I think it does affect has affected attendance in some cases. I think that we have an obligation to make sure that we

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Kelly McGuire: know that children are safe. I think that attendance is always one of those things that you know we want to encourage. And you know, as the system we have communicated to principals, that

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Kelly McGuire: we want families to know all families to know that schools are a safe place, and that we want kids to come to school every single day, and that school is.

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Kelly McGuire: you know, often the best place for kids. And so we're trying to reassure.

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Kelly McGuire: but also recognize that. You know the the circumstance right now is difficult for sure.

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Kelly McGuire: And I, I guess, like one good thing is that you know schools.

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Kelly McGuire: We certainly do look at attendance.

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Kelly McGuire: but currently, there's not schools aren't being negatively impacted by low rates of attendance. There is an understanding that the circumstance is

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Kelly McGuire: unique right now, for sure.

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Kelly McGuire: But more to come on that for sure.

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Kelly McGuire: and we'll keep updating and sharing data around attendance. As it is, you know, kids need.

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Kelly McGuire: I think I don't think that any of us can say that. You know, kids.

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Kelly McGuire: I think we all want kids to be in school, and we want families to feel safe for sure, too.

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Kelly McGuire: The week before break we had a spotlight visit at ps. 59. A huge thanks to Tina, and other members of our team for helping the Ps. 59 crew get their spotlight visit organized and put together. Really. Well,

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Kelly McGuire: Caitlin, we saw you at the spotlight visit. It was great to have you there, and you know they highlighted their math work, which is interesting, because, you know, people might have assumed that as an elementary school and part of Nyc. Reads that they would have highlighted reading. They're doing a fantastic job with their reading work, but they are also doing a fantastic job with

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Kelly McGuire: math. They're in the second year of a new math curriculum. They chose to implement illustrative math in

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Kelly McGuire: elementary school as well. And across our district we've got kind of people schools in 3 different groups. Some are using illustrative math in elementary school. Some of them are using Eureka squared is another curriculum for elementary school. Some of them are still building and developing their own curricula.

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Kelly McGuire: But this visit was focused on math, and this picture here was of a crew of math leaders in the school, and they they started us off. Not not these 2 problems here, actually, but

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Kelly McGuire: or actually, it was, they were asking us to find the greatest common factor with 3 different variables. And so they gave us that problem. And then the kids came around to make sure that we knew what we were doing, and that we weren't struggling too much. And so they were. They were really fun to share, and

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Kelly McGuire: did a great job.

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Kelly McGuire: The and this photo here of the chart paper was actually a group of kindergarteners who were tasked with reading a problem

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Kelly McGuire: about a carnival that was happening, and they had each child had been given 10 tickets in this scenario, and they had to decide how it is that they would use their 10 tickets for different rides and activities that costs cost different numbers of tickets, and then they had to explain their thinking and draw a picture of it. So I thought the it was just. It was a really fun visit and great to get in and do some math with with the kids.

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Kelly McGuire: We did just wrap up respect for all week. There are a bunch of different activities going coming across. And good morning, Pamela. Great to have you here. Thank you so much for for joining us today.

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Pamela Rodriguez: Good morning, everyone.

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Kelly McGuire: Good morning.

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Kelly McGuire: yes, we have a student who was a finalist in one of the poster contests from Ps. 1, 83, very happy to have their submission for the respect for all week

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Kelly McGuire: and also just to share that coming up this week a little later on, is our 3rd wit and wisdom. New York City reads workshop for District 2 families again. That will be at 9 Am. But we have been recording this

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Kelly McGuire: these workshops and sharing them widely. We've even been encouraging some schools to replay portions of them to their Slt or their staff. If they think that there are material in there that is unique and hasn't been shared with their

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Kelly McGuire: communities yet. So this one is going to be this Friday at 9 Am. We're going to highlight. 3 schools, Ps. 1, 24, Ps. 3, 43, and Ps. 59. So this workshop is going to primarily focus on an issue of writing. And what we're trying to do is through our

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Kelly McGuire: shares by teachers and school leaders. Try to share a little bit about how writing has changed, or what the progression of writing is from September to winter to spring. So the families have a good sense of what they can expect from their child at different grade levels. So

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Kelly McGuire: should be a good one. And just a thanks to everybody who's been helping to support those. They've been a nice addition, I think, to the conversations around. Nyc reads in the new curriculum.

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Kelly McGuire: We also are. Yeah, we. I think we shared this a little bit before about some work we were doing around Mtss. So multi-tiered systems of support.

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Kelly McGuire: People don't have to read this slide here. But

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Kelly McGuire: what I think is important to point out

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Kelly McGuire: about this work is that multi-tiered systems of support is describes the approach that we are using both in District 2, and it is being discussed in the broader city around. How it is that we are approaching teaching students

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Kelly McGuire: who are performing at different grade levels, or who are performing at different levels of proficiency kids who are well beyond grade level kids who have unfinished learning and

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Kelly McGuire: the the the Graphic over here on the on the right hand side.

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Kelly McGuire: Talks about. Basically we're trying to depict in this is that all of our students are receiving a level of core curriculum.

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Kelly McGuire: And then there are students who fit into this orange group. And this red group and the orange and red don't necessarily mean an increasingly number of or increasing level of like bad things. Basically, what we're trying to say is that we want all students to have exposure to the core curriculum. And then, if there are students who benefit from small group instruction, either because they are performing

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Kelly McGuire: at a level that is approaching grade level, or as a level that is above grade level that we are trying to find ways and time to do additional things for these smaller groups of kids.

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Kelly McGuire: I think that one of the myths that we are trying to bust here is that certain groups of kids shouldn't do don't need to have access to the grade level core curriculum. But actually, what our. What the research behind Mtss. Really shows is that all kids should have access to the grade level core curriculum. And then there should be different levels of differentiation that happen

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Kelly McGuire: not just within the general education classroom. Some of it could be, but also within smaller groups to impact and affect

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Kelly McGuire: small groups of of students. So this is really an approach that we are using. We are working to build up everyone's knowledge of Mtss across the district.

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Kelly McGuire: This slide and I'll make sure that everybody has access to this deck.

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Kelly McGuire: does. It is specifically connected to math. But really we can think about core instruction, small group and individual

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Kelly McGuire: across all different content areas and grade levels,

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Kelly McGuire: and including even for students who are having behavior difficulties, who are not.

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Kelly McGuire: who need something special in order to perform well in classrooms because of behavioral deficits. But this is kind of details. Some of the more specifics of what we see at each of these different groups.

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Kelly McGuire: and it aligns also with the progress monitoring work that we are working on across the district. I'm going to pull out this progress, monitoring number 3. All students have a high quality, academic experience

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Kelly McGuire: and talk a little bit about of the 5 different district priorities. I think Kelly Shannon shared a little bit in regard to the 1st 2 priorities last month. We're pulling out this high quality academic experience piece here and working to ensure that all of our school leaders and teachers have an experience with trained experts around Mtss

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Kelly McGuire: our, we find that a lot of teachers are very skilled with

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Kelly McGuire: work around adaptations, scaffolding, modification, and support. We want to make sure that everybody has a shared set of knowledge and language around that

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Kelly McGuire: We're looking at. Whenever a principal completes an observation of a teacher, we are. Those observations are recorded in a system called Advance

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Kelly McGuire: myself, and the deputy superintendents are taking a look at some of those observation reports to see where it is that school leaders are beginning to talk about Mtss. Related language in their observations of teachers.

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Kelly McGuire: in this 3rd priority around all students having a high quality academic experience. We are also looking at math performance in our district. And so I did include fall and winter screener proficiency

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Kelly McGuire: just in math.

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Kelly McGuire: And again, this is

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Kelly McGuire: not indicating that you know we would have if you combined in the fall

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Kelly McGuire: 37% and 36% and put it together and say, 72% of our students are predicted to have a level 3 or 4 on the state exam. That is not the case, really. What these screeners do is help us to

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Kelly McGuire: figure out which students are really on track for meeting grade level proficiency. And above, and which students are not. The screeners are not full assessments. They're just really an opportunity to take a quick snapshot of how our students are doing.

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Kelly McGuire: Obviously, we want to have more students who are in the high average or high average categories, and we do see that the growing number of students who have entered the average and high average category from the fall to the winter screeners just in math.

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Kelly McGuire: so we're trying again to like share data that we can. While also recognizing that this is not the end, all be all of data, the performance student performance. Individually, student performance across the district as well as predictive state exam performance is much more complicated than just these numbers can provide, but it is a snapshot, and of course we want them like moving in the right way.

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Kelly McGuire: I'll stop because I've said a lot of the last few slides, and just see if anybody has any comments or questions they'd like to share

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Kelly McGuire: another update just to let people know again that our new classes at the Pexlo pre-k center have started today. So we have 2 new classes that are size 8, with one teacher and 2 paraprofessionals and one new class that is size 6 with one teacher and 2 paraprofessionals.

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Kelly McGuire: These are district 2 students who are attending the who are enrolling, who have enrolled in these classes.

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Kelly McGuire: They're enrolled, not by Pecslip, but not by the District 2 pre-k center. But there is a committee on Preschool education. They are doing the enrollment.

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Kelly McGuire: and it is a full school day with a bunch of different activities that are built into the school day, academic, non-academic, a lot of social activities. There's some pairing with arts, organizations to provide some resources for kids, and I can't wait to visit. There are again

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Kelly McGuire: 22 students who are currently enrolled in the class and in the classes. So that's, you know, getting pretty close. I guess it is. We're at capacity. They told us that that would fill up really, really quickly. And so yeah, all, all of the this. The seats are filled and so I'm excited to get down there and see the class classes in session.

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Craig Slutzkin: Kelly. What was what was the demand? In other words, if you had.

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Craig Slutzkin: you know you filled it up, you're almost filled up, or you're close to building, was it you people? There were 50 people, 50 kids that wanted this or and you were only able to accommodate half of them, or, roughly speaking, or was this what the demand was?

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah, you know I I don't know the answer to that. I

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Kelly McGuire: but I can find that out.

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Kelly McGuire: Find out how many students Cpse. May be still seeking to find placements for it's a really good question.

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Craig Slutzkin: And then the second question is, and that doesn't necessarily have to be a tech slip. But does Pexlip have capacity? In other words, if there was demand.

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Craig Slutzkin: and it was just a matter of someone at the DOE or Nyps, whatever it's called now, has to just find money to pay for the teachers and the powers, etc. But does Pecslip have the ability

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Craig Slutzkin: to do 2 more classes? If it was just an issue of finding the dollars because there is demand. Now, of course, as I said, doesn't have to be at Peck Slip. It could be on somewhere in health kitchen, because more of demand is over there, you know. Peck Slip is all the way downtown. But I'm just curious, you know. Is there capacity at that at that center to do more.

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Kelly McGuire: Yep, yep, so it is

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Kelly McGuire: you know. I would say that there was capacity to host, and just to I would just want to make sure that people differentiate. The principal who is in charge of the

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Kelly McGuire: Peck Slip pre-k center is not the same principal as the principal of the Peck Slip School.

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Kelly McGuire: In our pre-k center sites we have 2 principles.

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Kelly McGuire: 2 assistant principal, 3 assistant principals that are, and a bunch of many, many teachers and assistant teachers, paraprofessionals that are serving, but they are

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Kelly McGuire: under their own group. We did have more space to hold more classes there. We only went with these 3 because the Peck Slip schools also submitted a application for class size reduction

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Kelly McGuire: for the coming year, and if the application that was submitted to Central is accepted. Then.

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Kelly McGuire: I I don't think that we are going to be able to host more classes. In the Peck Slip building as a part of the pre-k center. But that is

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Kelly McGuire: we we would have, we would have. But I think that this is what our capacity will be.

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jessica harvey: So in essence, this is a co-located school. That's right. And it used to be a co-located school with just

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jessica harvey: 2 classes.

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jessica harvey: and then went all the way down to one class, and then was closed altogether, and now has reopened with 3 classes.

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Kelly McGuire: That's right. Yeah.

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jessica harvey: okay, but it's the only one, I think, of the of the pre-k centers that is actually a co-located school. Is that right. All the others are standalone sites.

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Kelly McGuire: Wow! I think you're right about that.

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jessica harvey: Yeah.

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah, I, never.

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jessica harvey: So this is not.

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Kelly McGuire: That's right.

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jessica harvey: Yeah, it's just in terms of the issue of class size

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jessica harvey: things. We we are not normally pitting Pre K centers against

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jessica harvey: appropriate class sizes for elementary school. In this situation it looks like that. But actually, we're only talking about space available till the end of the year. If we were looking at space available right now, and you'd have to reduce

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jessica harvey: at the end of the year, when the

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jessica harvey: when the school comes closer, more closely into

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jessica harvey: into accordance with the State law.

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Kelly McGuire: I will. Yeah, I will always, I will, just, you know, put my shameless plug in here for continued

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Kelly McGuire: advocacy and support for 3 K and pre-k.

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Kelly McGuire: and all for all groups of kids, whether they're for students with disabilities or not. Across District 2. We have

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Kelly McGuire: not yet

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Kelly McGuire: been able to serve all district 2 students within District 2, 3 K and pre-k

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Kelly McGuire: The city did an admirable job, I think of offering seats to all kids across the city. This past fall. Of course we'd love to have even more of those seats. Close to home for our district. 2 families. I know we're not arguing.

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jessica harvey: Yeah. But one of the problems that we're having with that is the the pre-k center classes are not

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jessica harvey: always full.

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jessica harvey: So because it. They sort of

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jessica harvey: attract based on microenvironment. Except for this one site, peck, Slip and the battery site.

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jessica harvey: because the both of those attract from a wider environment being specialized for students with additional needs

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jessica harvey: for children with disabilities.

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Kelly McGuire: Yes, I will say that. The addition of 3 K programs where we were able to convert Pre. K classes to 3 K classes. Those have filled up, really, really quickly across the district. And so the number of empty seats are have really reduced in the last year.

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Kelly McGuire: And just a reminder that community Education Council applications are still open through Thursday of this week there is an extension to the application period.

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Kelly McGuire: and I know Tina has been working a lot on this, but may have something to share in a later report. But, Tina, do you want to say anything about Cec elections. Now.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: I'll just a couple of things the April 9th candidate form. I think we're looking right now around 5 or 6 Pm. But everything is listed. The form

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: candidate forms are listed on the site which I'll drop the link. There's now a dedicated site for all candidate forms for each borough. Ours is not up there yet, because ours is in April. They've listed all the way up through March. They do share some election. The election teams share some data. So we've been watching that. And right now, in terms of the Education Councils District 2 has the highest number of applicants.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: So we will probably most probably have to schedule another 2 2 nights for our Kennedy forums to break that up. So more to come. I'm sure.

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Kelly McGuire: We have one of the highest numbers of applicants. So far very exciting.

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Tina Sibulkin Yacker: You think that is? Yes.

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Kelly McGuire: I think I don't know

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Kelly McGuire: and that's just a final note. District key dates ahead.

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Kelly McGuire: just our wit and wisdom workshop this Friday.

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Kelly McGuire: Parent teacher. Conferences are coming up in March

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Kelly McGuire: and schools being closed, march 31st and then spring.

Break ahead. So

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Kelly McGuire: With that I will stop and share, and if there are any questions that people would like to.

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Kelly McGuire: I don't please feel free.

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Kelly McGuire: Otherwise we'll head into some different reports. But on behalf of different groups. So

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Kelly McGuire: okay, maybe we'll start with parents who are here. Craig and Caitlin would either of you like to

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Kelly McGuire: offer a report or share.

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Craig Slutzkin: Caitlin, do you want to start, or do you have anything.

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Caitlin Canfield: I don't. I don't really have anything. I mean, I

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Caitlin Canfield: yeah. The main thing that has come up in the President's council. Besides, sort of our normal business is the concerns about ice which we've talked about a little bit already today. So

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Caitlin Canfield: yeah, nothing else. Really new.

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Craig Slutzkin: On the Cec. Side. We have our monthly meeting this Wednesday at Ps. 1 30. Thank you, Rennie, for hosting hosting us at 6 o'clock. Kelly, I am going to ask you, and and I think you'll because I think you'll do just a better job doing it than I would if you'll reiterate the policy of the DOE

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Craig Slutzkin: on ice, you know, in terms of coming into the buildings. I think it's just. It's good for us for parents just to continuously hear it, and I'm happy to do it. But I think you would probably do a much better job at communicating that. So I want to be as thorough as possible.

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Craig Slutzkin: So I will ask you to do that in your report, and we've been hearing that also. Parents are concerned parent families, I should say parents, families are concerned about ice coming into the buildings, and what they're allowed and not allowed to do.

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Craig Slutzkin: And I've heard several Ptas. This has come up, so more communication is better than less on this. Even if we repeat ourselves on the CC. Elections. Again, people are encouraged to apply if they're interested. I think it's until Friday. I've spoken to many parents who are looking to to apply. So that's a good thing across the city.

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Craig Slutzkin: and I think that's it. Again. I'll reiterate what Kelly said. We have the wit and wisdom, the final wit and wisdom, family engagement session on Friday. I've listened to the 1st 2, and I think they've been very helpful. They've been very well received. Some people who are naysayers on wit and wisdom. Listen to it, and I think and and change their minds, or had their opinions evolved. And I think that's a testament to

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Craig Slutzkin: over communicating what and wisdom is supposed to do, and the way it's supposed to be approached.

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Craig Slutzkin: I think that different schools have taken very different approaches, and how they communicate what they're doing at Witten wisdom. I'm fortunate to be in a school where the principal was part of the team that chose Witten wisdom so naturally.

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Craig Slutzkin: and we piloted last year, so there was a lot of over there was over communication which I think is great, and I think what parents at my families at my school understood what we were trying to accomplish other schools. I don't necessarily know that that's been there. I think it's getting. We're all getting better as a district doing it, but I think that the

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Craig Slutzkin: the the Friday meetings have been the parent family engagement sessions have been extremely helpful.

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Craig Slutzkin: and I and I've communicated this to Kelly. What I think has been the most in the most impactful part of these meetings is seeing the teachers and the principals talk about what they're doing and showing what they're doing with the kids. There have been videos in there showing examples. So I think that that's very impactful. And I encourage everyone to listen to these, and and promote within their their parent their family groups. To do that.

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Craig Slutzkin: So thank you, Kelly, for that.

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Kelly McGuire: Yeah, for sure. Davon, would you like to share from Manhattan High School Presidents Council.

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Dayvonne Smith: Sure. So we share a meeting date. Our monthly meeting date is the same as our meeting here with Dlt. So we're meeting this evening in regards to Cec elections. That's something that we're focusing on. But we're also focusing on like tailoring our communication strategies to engage our high school families who might feel less connected as their children are nearing graduation. We're finding that

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Dayvonne Smith: there's, you know, our levels of engagement specifically dropped significantly so.

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Dayvonne Smith: And it is definitely a challenge. So each conversation we're really trying to figure out, you know, what's the way? What's the best way to continue to drive that engagement, engagement and interest for our families.

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Dayvonne Smith: and that's about it.

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Kelly McGuire: Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. One other note on citywide meetings is tonight. The Clinton School is hosting the Citywide Council on special education. So we'll I'll be there at Clinton tonight for that meeting.

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Kelly McGuire: Pamela, would you like to start sharing anything from our partners?

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Pamela Rodriguez: Yes. Hi, good morning. I'm sorry. I'm just in chat, you know, outside on the field. But no, as of right now, there aren't any updates for DC, 37, you know. Again, we're holding site meetings. At our prospective districts.

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Pamela Rodriguez: We have been communicating with the principals as well as parent coordinators. Informing them of a date and time that's feasible to meet with our DC. 37 members.

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Pamela Rodriguez: So just to, you know, provide information and any updates to the Union for them. So that has been working out very well. Members have been pleased with that. Getting to see their reps. Coming to the sites.

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Pamela Rodriguez: We also still conducting hiring calls for school food staff, because we are still currently under staff shortage.

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Pamela Rodriguez: But we did get a little news about the amount of hires that they already hired, which I know for District 2 is about

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Pamela Rodriguez: maybe about 600 new hires the

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Pamela Rodriguez: hiring calls are being conducted at the Long Island City headquarters on Vernon Boulevard. They are being interviewed on the spot, and even hired on the spot. So which is wonderful. And I do believe I share the flyer out

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Pamela Rodriguez: to, you know, to the team, so they can just share it with the community for those who are seeking employment. You know, they can apply and attend those hiring calls.

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Pamela Rodriguez: We also gonna be holding another new member orientation in March 6.th

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Pamela Rodriguez: I'm sorry. March. Yeah, that's right. March 6.th

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Pamela Rodriguez: We'll be holding another new member orientation at the 3 3 7th Avenue we had prior

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Pamela Rodriguez: last month. We did have one, and it was a success. It, you know, went very well with that.

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Pamela Rodriguez: So we're going to be continuing to have these new Member orientation on the days where there's like Chancellor's days, parent teacher conferences. We had divided into 2 sessions for the Manhattan Borough. So we had a morning sessions for districts, one through 3 and the afternoon session for 4 districts, 4 and 6

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Pamela Rodriguez: and basically, that's it that I have to report. Thank you.

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Kelly McGuire: Thank you. Great to hear about so many new hires.

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Kelly McGuire: Really great.

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Kelly McGuire: Jessica, would you like to share.

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jessica harvey: Sure.

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jessica harvey: we have an upcoming lobby day to Albany on March 11 of our primary focuses for that is to fix tier 6, which is part of the retirement programs for the

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jessica harvey: municipal unions and

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jessica harvey: so that that's going to be one of our major agenda things there. But we also have the City Council introduction of a bill to help respect paraprofessionals by balancing out Union wages overall, and to help give paraprofessionals a living wage. That's not part of our.

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jessica harvey: It's not part of our direct negotiations for contracts or anything. This is separate from that. And it's a city council pathway which is similar to teachers. Choice

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jessica harvey: and then

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jessica harvey: I think oh, I also should just bring up that this year is also an election year at the uft. So it's an election year for the leadership of the uft as well as the representative members for the American Federation of Teachers and for Nysit, which means that there will be

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jessica harvey: some election work going on before and after school and during lunchtime, sometimes within schools.

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jessica harvey: and you may see people putting flyers into boxes or things like that.

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jessica harvey: And that's about all.

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Kelly McGuire: Thanks so much.

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Kelly McGuire: Rennie, would you like to share and see a sec.

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Renny Fong: we're just happy, grateful for all the support, as we know. The teachers have been a heavy lift with wisdom and new curriculum. But we just appreciate, you know, parent support, district support and communication, I think, is utmost important. We're also anxiously awaiting budgets right in terms of whether we'll get the budget for reduced class sizes and looking, I think we're supposed to find out in March. So we're looking forward to that

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Renny Fong: federally, I think some people are, you know, just hearing so many things. So we're a little bit apprehensive about title one. You know the future. Ps. 130 is not title one this year. But you know, just going forward, what's going to happen with budgets, with students, with disabilities. And yeah, just appreciating all the advocacy and support. And yeah, just thanks for everything. Everyone.

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Kelly McGuire: Thank you, Rennie.

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Kelly McGuire: And Jennifer, would you like to share from Manhattan high schools at all? No, you're good. Okay.

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Kelly McGuire: Got it?

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Kelly McGuire: alright, yeah, I will. Reiterate, you know, there have, like. There has been a lot that has come from our Federal Government in

regard to different policies and practices. Craig, you mentioned ice. We also hear a lot about

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Kelly McGuire: support for transgender students. New York City policies have not changed. Our policies have, and practices have remained the same. Of course that doesn't mean that.

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Kelly McGuire: as you mentioned any that people are anxious for sure and but

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Kelly McGuire: I can reiterate that

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Kelly McGuire: our policies and practices have have remained the same. Now we have not, you know, had incidences, and where in which some of these have been directly challenged. I think that I heard something from our Labor Department around

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Kelly McGuire: ice in buildings is that you know, when this was a concern and threat.

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Kelly McGuire: Under the 1st administration of Donald trump that

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Kelly McGuire: People thought that ice were going to come into schools, and it didn't happen across New York City. That doesn't mean that it's not going to happen in 2024. But regardless the policies and practices that

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Kelly McGuire: we have been that have been shared with us, and how schools have been asked to implement this have not changed. And so our best work is to be of direct support to our students and families and teachers, and we won't. We won't change from that. So

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Kelly McGuire: all right, if is, are all the reports. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 17th

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Kelly McGuire: and same time same place.

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Kelly McGuire: and if there are no final comments, be happy to kick it to them.

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Pamela Rodriguez: Thank you. Have a wonderful.

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Kelly McGuire: You too.

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Dayvonne Smith: Thank you.

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Kelly McGuire: Alright, take good care, everybody.

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Caitlin Canfield: I think.

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jessica harvey: Goodbye. Thank you.

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Kelly McGuire: Fight.