

Translation Information:

Muy importante -- Si usted no puede leer el documento adjunto, su Coordinador de Padres tiene esta información en español.

Enpòtan Anpil -- Si w paka li dokiman ki tache, Kowòdinatè Paran w la gen enfòmasyon sa a an Kreyòl.

Очень важно -- Если вы не можете прочесть прилагаемый документ, у координатора по работе с родителями есть эта информация на русском языке.

খুবই জরুরী - যদি আপনি সংলগ্ন ডকুমেন্ট/লেখটি পড়তে না পারেন, আপনার পেরেন্ট কো-অর্ডিনেটরের (পিতা/মাতা সমন্বয়সাপক) কাছে এই তথ্যটির বাংলা অনুবাদ আছে।

긴요 사항 -- 첨부된 문서를 읽으실 수 없는 경우, 자녀 학교의 학부모 조정관에게 문의하시면 한국어로 된 정보를 받아보실 수 있습니다.

نہایت اہم -- اگر آپ منسلک دستاویز پڑھنے سے قاصر ہیں تو آپ کے والد والدہ رابطہ کار کے پاس یہ معلومات اردو میں موجود ہیں۔

ہام جداً -- إذا لم تستطیع قراءة الوثيقة المرفقة، فلدی منسق شؤون الآباء المسؤول عنك هذه المعلومات باللغة العربية.

重要訊息 -- 如果您不能閱讀所附文件，您的家長專員備有本資訊的華語版本。



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 is a federal law to improve education for all children. It holds schools responsible for results, gives parents greater choices, and promotes teaching methods that have been proven to be effective. The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is committed to helping all schools reach high standards for student achievement and giving every child in every school a quality education. We are making progress, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done for all our children.

For 2011-2012, the New York State Education Department has identified Francis Lewis H.S. as a SINI year two focused school, as required under federal NCLB rules and the State's Differentiated Accountability system. This means that our school has, so far, not made what is called adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the State proficiency level in Math and ELA in SWD (students with disabilities).

Every effort is being made to provide the highest quality instructional program to best meet the needs of your child. I am confident that the interventions and exciting new programs that have been introduced citywide and at our school will make this school year a successful experience for your child. Some of the interventions and programs that are being implemented are:

- Professional development opportunities for all teachers which will focus on new strategies to help struggling students;
- Literacy and mathematics coaches in our school who will work with teachers everyday to improve the quality of their teaching;
- New teaching strategies and tutoring;
- Continued recruitment of highly-qualified and certified teachers to staff our classrooms;
- More classroom time devoted to reading and math skills;
- Strategies to increase daily attendance;
- Expanded parental involvement programs to include discussions on high school diploma requirements, Regents, test preparation, and college/career readiness.

I ask that you support your child by making sure that she/he comes to school every day on time. Make sure that all homework assignments and school projects are completed on time. I also invite you to participate in all school activities. Stay in close contact with our parent coordinator, guidance counselor and your child's teachers to monitor your child's academic progress. Tell teachers you want to hear from them as soon as problems occur so you can work together to find solutions. I also encourage you to become active in the school's Parent Teacher Association and School Leadership Team.

If you would like information on how our school compares academically to other schools in the district, you can request a printed copy of the school's report card from our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Miaoulis. She can be reached at 718-281-8225. All school report cards can also be viewed online on the State's website at <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>.

I would like you to attend a meeting that has been scheduled to answer any questions you may have about the school improvement interventions and programs described above. You are welcomed to attend our PTA Meeting on: February 1, 2012 - 6:30 p.m. at Francis Lewis H.S.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Our entire school staff is looking forward to a successful year for our students and school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 718-281-8201.

Sincerely,
Musa Ali Shama
Principal