

# PS/IS102 QUEENS

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Dear Families,

The cornerstone of PS/IS102Q is that we are a fully invested school. 102 is not just about curriculum and test scores; it is a family of over 1,300 children and their families. We take this responsibility to heart.

Last week some of our middle school students reported to school staff that a handful of their classmates were partaking in risky behaviors. No matter when something happens and where it happens, 102 is the focal point for helping students and their families overcome challenging times. We commend our students for noticing that their friends and classmates were making poor decisions and brought it to our attention, and we are now following their lead in bringing this to you.

We are completing our investigation of the matter and the appropriate disciplinary actions will be levied according to the *NYCDOE Discipline Code*. If you have questions or if you have had a conversation with your child and feel that there is more that you can help us with, please see our Middle School Assistant Principal Ms. Mulé, our Middle School guidance counselor Ms. Pearlman, or me. We also want to pull together as a school community and support our students so that they learn from this and are able to make better choices moving forward.

As technology continues to embed itself in every aspect of our lives, our students now have the ability to connect with negative influences far outside of 102. For many years parents were able to support and protect their children from negative influences by monitoring where they go physically and who their friends are. But in today's world, students are able to make poor decisions with real consequences anywhere, as long as they have a cell phone.

Proactive parenting in 2017 means you know everyday where your child has went and who they've talked to, both physically and online. Do you know who they are texting with online? Do you know the topics they discuss with friends? You should.

Additionally, problems arise when students congregate and linger around the neighborhood after school with no adult supervision and it is crucial you know where your child is everyday after 2:40PM. Please understand that 102 is committed to protect the climate of the greater community and we will firmly exercise our right to discipline offenders to the fullest extent allowed by the NYC Department of Education.

The poor decisions of a few will not be allowed to impact the amazing growth and learning of all other students.

Sincerely,

William Ko, *Principal*