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Dear NYC Public Schools Families,

As we close out the 2025–26 school year and celebrate all that our students, families, and staff members have accomplished together, I want to thank *you*—for your partnership, honesty, and commitment. I am honored to serve as your Chancellor, and I have learned so much from you these last few months.

Since I began this role in January, listening to our community has been one of my top priorities. During 10 in-depth Community Conversations across the five boroughs and visits to schools across all 45 superintendent districts, I saw the immense pride that families, students, and staff members have in their school communities. I also heard thoughtful perspectives on what is working well and where we can continue to improve. We discussed the importance of ensuring student safety and belonging, maintaining rigorous and engaging academics, advancing true integration across our system, and deepening family engagement.

These voices—your voices—are shaping our path forward. I am proud to share our [Engagement Tour Report](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChancellorEngagementTour) (schools.nyc.gov/ChancellorEngagementTour), which includes what we heard from our communities and how those insights are informing our next steps for NYCPS. Already, we are beginning to turn what we heard into action: launching 2-K, expanding 3-K, growing NYC Reads and NYC Solves, creating district working groups to make our schools stronger, and more.

Thank you for choosing NYCPS and for the trust you place in us every day. I hope this summer brings your family time to rest, reflect, recharge, celebrate, and continue learning. I look forward to continuing our work in the school year ahead, just as we did this year—together.

In partnership,



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Chancellor