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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of 2025, I want to thank you for being part of New York City Public Schools and for entrusting us with your children's learning and growth. It's a responsibility we take extremely seriously—and it's one we can only fulfill in partnership with each of you.

This year, we've worked together to ignite the spark of curiosity and deep learning across our schools. With NYC Reads and NYC Solves, we are ensuring students across the city receive high-quality literacy and math instruction. With our Student Pathways work, we're preparing students for careers in high-demand fields like technology and healthcare. And with our NYCPS Cares initiative, we're supporting both the whole child *and* the whole family.

This work aligns to the three core commitments I made when I first became Chancellor, commitments that create environments for deep learning and growth: 1) ensuring safety and promoting wellness, 2) strengthening comprehensive teacher supports, and 3) fostering family and community empowerment. I am grateful to our school leaders, educators, and staff who have been hard at work bringing these commitments to life in our school communities.

We've seen real progress as a result. Last spring, reading and math proficiency rose to their highest levels in over a decade. Since 2022, students have earned over \$30 million from work-based learning, such as internships and apprenticeships. And within the past year, approximately 3,800 family volunteers have signed up to be Family Connectors, helping other families access resources and support. For a full summary of our progress, please visit our website: schools.nyc.gov/NYCPSProgress.

As Chancellor and as a New York City Public Schools parent myself, I thank you for your partnership, and I wish you a joyful holiday season. As we look ahead to the new year, I am confident our young people will continue to grow and thrive.

With gratitude,



Melissa Aviles-Ramos
Chancellor

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