

August 22, 2012

Dear Governing Board and/or Director:

The NYC Department of Education and the NYC Administration for Children's Services are committed to ensuring that all children leave our early childhood programs and enter kindergarten ready to succeed. To this end, ACS and DOE worked with parents, community members, and university partners to develop citywide school readiness goals based on the *Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework* and the *New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core*. These citywide school readiness goals represent a shared vision of the skills, knowledge, and approaches to learning that children need in order to enter kindergarten ready for school and on a path towards college and career readiness.

ACS and DOE will work together to support programs in developing and implementing school readiness goals and strategies. All programs will receive a copy of the citywide school readiness goals, as well as guidance about how to implement program-level goals and strategies, in the coming weeks. Additionally, ACS and DOE will hold school readiness trainings in September.

ACS EarlyLearn NYC Programs: September 20

- Training will take place during the upcoming ACS EarlyLearnNYC Citywide Director's Meeting
- The Eventbrite Registration information will be provided in an upcoming ACS E-Bulletin

DOE Programs: Week of September 10

- Trainings will be held in field offices; see below for dates and locations
- Registration is not required

Brooklyn/Staten Island

September 11, 9am-1pm
 Hanson Place Child
 Development Center
 55 Hanson Place
 Conference Room 364
 Brooklyn, NY 11217

Bronx/Manhattan

September 13, 9am-1pm
 1 Fordham Plaza
 Conference Room 821
 Bronx, NY 10458

Queens

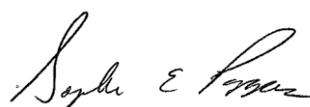
Districts 23, 24, 27, 30, 32
 September 12, 8:30am-12pm
 New Generations LLC
 aka Christ the King HS
 68-02 Metropolitan Ave
 Middle Village, NY 11379

Districts 25, 26, 28, 29
 September 13, 8:30am-12pm
 Sts Joachim and Anne School
 218-19 105th Ave
 Queens, NY 11429

Please direct any queries for additional information to your DOE Instructional Coordinator or your ACS Program Team Leader.



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