



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*Principal*

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Dear Stuyvesant Community,

After much deliberation and reflection, I have accepted a position outside of the New York City Department of Education. For nearly twenty-five years I have served New York City schools as a teacher, assistant principal, deputy superintendent and principal. The decision is deeply personal and one that I've made in consideration of the needs of my family and my own reflection as a husband, father and educator. I've told my students past and present to embrace new endeavors and change. I now ask the same of myself. It is not easy to leave a school system that embraced me as a young first grader who did not speak English, and where I have made countless friends, mentors, and met some of the most amazing students in the world.

For the past four years I have served the Stuyvesant community with a great sense of awe and pride. I've been humbled and inspired in unimaginable ways by the work and dedication of staff, students and families. It has been the hardest and most rewarding work of my career. There isn't a night that I've left Stuyvesant where I have not felt wonderment and admiration for the work of students and staff. I've learned so much from everyone at the school. I've seen firsthand the shared sense of community, complex learning, wisdom and independence that the Stuyvesant community lives by on a daily basis and values as a school. I will never see the world the same way. I thank the friendships that I have formed in my time at the school, and I'm grateful for the many ways that I've learned from each and every one of you at the school.

I will remain in the school until July 31st focused on supporting a transition and preparation for the upcoming year. I will continue to work with all constituencies as we plan for the year ahead. I want to thank the Chancellor, Executive Superintendent Rosales and Superintendent Orlen for their ongoing support, mentorship and trust. Superintendent Orlen will follow up and set up a meeting with the school's SLT, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation C-30 which governs the selection of school leaders.

My work as principal will come to a close, but I will remain in my support and advocacy for Stuyvesant as a parent, and will continue to promote and champion the needs of our community, staff and students.

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve the school.

Sincerely,

Eric Contreras