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Dear Secondary School Parents and Guardians,

Hempstead High School and ABGS Middle School will begin the 2020-21 school year in the Hybrid Learning model. The Hybrid Learning model utilizes a combination of in person instruction and virtual learning, which includes both synchronous (in person with educator) and asynchronous (self-determined pace and time) structures. Hybrid learning provides an exciting opportunity to find the right mix out of all the possibilities in learning, no matter if they are offline or online. Due to COVID-19, the health and safety expectation is that schools open in Fall 2020 with significant changes such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. The Hybrid Learning model allows for us to meet these expectations with some students at home and some attending school throughout the week.

The Hybrid Learning model will allow for approximately half of our student population to return to in person instruction for portions of the week, allowing for a gradual transition back into a face-to-face learning environment. This allows for contact with a classroom teacher and peers in smaller populated spaces, which aligns to current health and safety guidelines. The Hybrid Learning model allows staff to develop structures that build positive classroom communities and put routines in place for students and families. Educators will approach instructional planning in a much different way in this model allowing teachers to provide more individual connection and support. Students will be provided the instruction and support that prepares them to have an increased level of responsibility in this model since a portion of their learning will be done in an asynchronous structure.

In the Hybrid Learning model, students will be placed on an A/B rotation according to grade level and courses. On the day students are physically in school they will participate in a full day of learning that follows our traditional schedule at each level. On the day that students are at home, they will be participating in asynchronous learning designed by their teacher and should plan to engage in approximately five hours of learning. This model allows for students to access direct instruction from our educators and does not rely as heavily on home tutoring. Additionally, more frequent face-to-face check-ins allow for our staff to respond to the individual social emotional, academic, and well-being needs of students on a more regular basis.

We will be having a virtual information meeting during the second week of August pending the New York State Department approval. The information for the call is as follows:

Topic: Dr. Strachan-Reopening of the High School

Date/Time: Aug 18, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84320871174?pwd=cnZXUDFQbE9KbXRIWUhoN21zQWF2dz09>

Meeting ID: 843 2087 1174

Passcode: 9GZbaD

Any questions or concerns are welcomed and can be forwarded via email or phone call to your child's respective school.

Respectfully,

Stephen Strachan
Executive Principal