



From Chancellor **Melissa Aviles-Ramos**



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Make Your Voice Heard

Dear Families and Colleagues,

When I was a teacher, principal, and district leader, I was always looking for ways to make improvements—how to structure more engaging lessons, how to strengthen school culture, how to respond to families’ needs, and more. I knew that for students to learn, for colleagues to do their best work, and for families to be true partners, I needed to make sure I *listened*. Their input and ideas made my classroom and school community stronger. That’s a major reason why family and community empowerment is one of my three commitments as Chancellor.

To that end, I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to fill out the [NYC School Survey](#) by **Friday, April 4**. Last year, we had over 864,000 students, families, and staff members complete the survey—and we want to exceed that number this time around! The more feedback you share, the more useful it will be as your school leaders plan for next

year. And remember, we won't see your individual responses, so feel free to share openly and honestly. Visit www.nycschoolssurvey.org to make your voice heard.

In partnership,

Melissa Aviles-Ramos

Chancellor

The Chancellor's Spotlight:

Tatiana Villanueva-Colman, our Director of Survey Initiatives, is a New York City Public Schools graduate herself, which gives her work an added layer of meaning. She also loves exploring the data. "I find it so powerful to see survey results broken out by demographics, because it allows us to see the experiences of subgroups of our community and understand where experiences could be better for them," she said. "Our data gives us the opportunity to get curious and to learn from the students, the families, and the teachers."

Tatiana is always eager to hear from schools about how they act on the feedback they receive. "Our team lives for these stories!" she said.

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Our Highlight Video:



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NYCPS News and Resources:

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- March 28 is also the deadline to apply to join the [NYC Teaching Fellows](#).
- Parent University has new courses this spring; check them out [here](#)!
- For more news and resources, check out [The Morning Bell](#) or follow NYCPS online at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).
- Here's the [weekly video](#) from Mayor Eric Adams. If you're interested in receiving updates directly from the Mayor's Office, [please click here](#).