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Building Bold Futures at Every Age

Dear Families and Colleagues,

At New York City Public Schools, our job is to prepare our children for bold futures. We recently made two major announcements that will help ensure our students—from the earliest years through high school—are prepared for rewarding careers and empowered to become leaders in their communities.

First, the Adams administration has [committed](#) \$167 million in annual funding for early childhood education, including 3-K classes and pre-K special education, which means these programs will be sustained for years to come. We're also reaffirming our support for Head Start programs for our youngest learners. As a working mother myself, I know just how critical early childhood education is—both for our children and their families.

And second, we are [expanding](#) our signature [NYC Reads](#) and [NYC Solves](#) initiatives to additional schools, including bringing NYC Reads to middle schools for the first time! This

expansion will ensure that our reading and math instruction and curricula align to the latest research on how kids learn; our Highlight Video below shares more.

Together, these announcements are game changers for New York City students and families. I am confident they will have a lasting impact—shaping bold futures for our children and strengthening the city we call home.

In partnership,

Melissa Aviles-Ramos

Chancellor

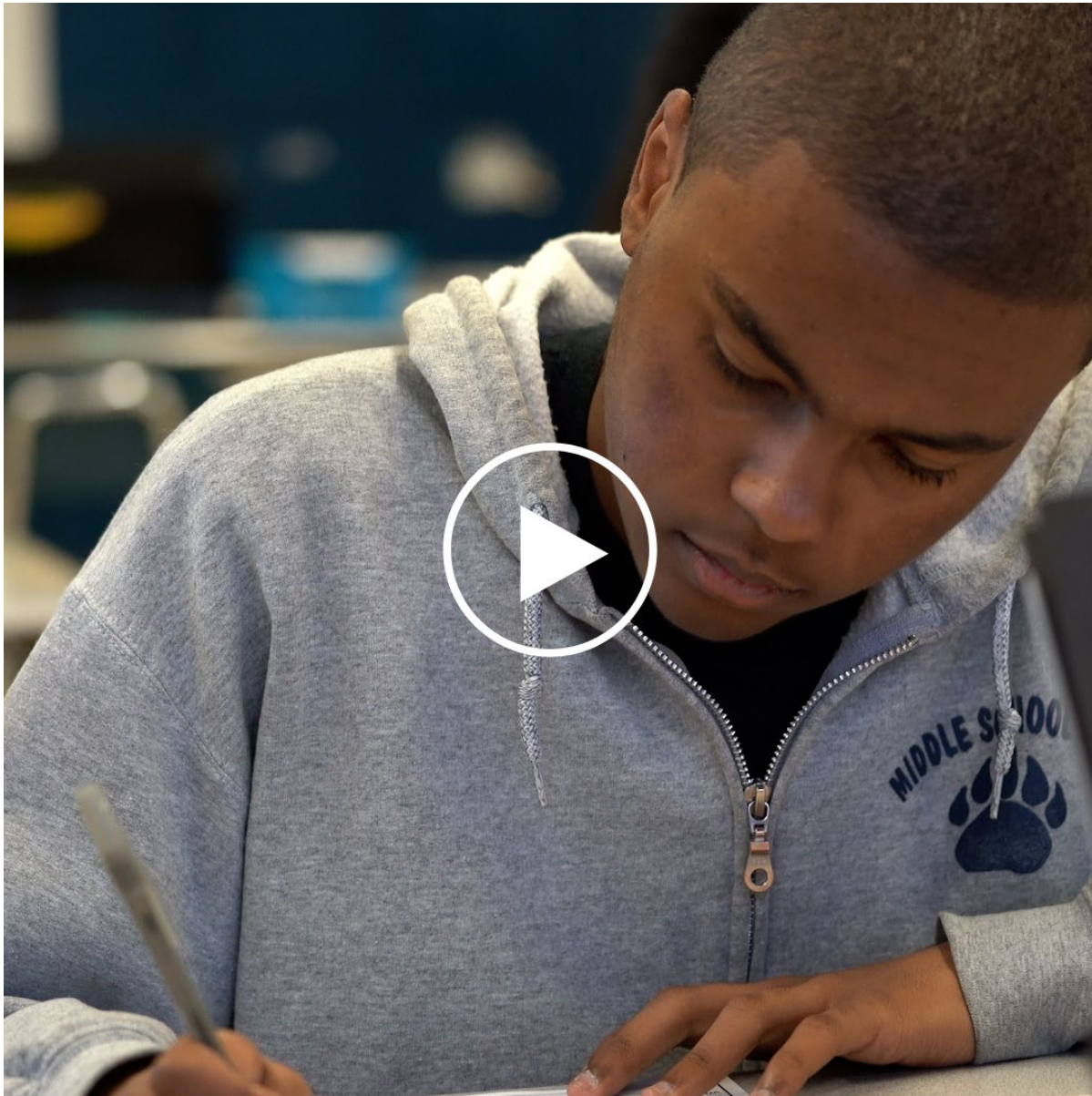
The Chancellor's Spotlight:

Lauren DeVita teaches eighth grade Algebra 1 at College Point Collaborative in Queens. She's been a math educator for over 15 years, and while she's seen different approaches to teaching math over her career, NYC Solves stands out. As she put it, NYC Solves gives students "the freedom to explore and make sense of the math." It's led to incredible changes in her students' confidence and understanding as mathematicians.

"So many students shy away from math, often because they struggle and find it difficult to make sense of the material," she said. "If a student leaves my classroom in June with a newfound love of math, I've done my job."

Nominate a person or program for The Chancellor's Spotlight [here](#).

Our Highlight Video:



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NYCPS News and Resources:

- April is Arab American Heritage Month, Autism Acceptance Month, and Earth Month. As we celebrate these important communities and causes, I encourage you to visit our [website](#) and [The Morning Bell](#) for resources related to each.
- 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](#).

