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Introducing NYCPS Cares

Dear Families and Colleagues,

At the end of 2024, over 1,000 of you joined me at schools across the city for my Five-Borough Listening Tour, where you shared your ideas, perspectives, and feedback on how we can make our schools even stronger.

I want you to know that we listened. Over the past few months, we've analyzed the content of those sessions to identify major themes, and we've thought deeply about how to bring your suggestions to life in our communities. You can learn more about our analysis in the [Listening Tour Report](#).

Now, I'm proud to share the outcome of that tour: NYCPS Cares, an initiative to support both the whole child *and* the whole family. In its first phase, NYCPS Cares will include two components:

1. **Anti-bullying and anti-vaping campaigns:** These two issues are top of mind for families; they came up again and again in our Listening Tour, and they are directly connected to my commitment to student safety and wellness.

2. **Family Connectors:** Our city and schools offer a wide range of resources, but families often tell us they don't know how or where to access them. Family Connectors are members of our school communities who will serve as trusted messengers, bridging that gap and linking families to essential supports. If you are interested in becoming a Family Connector, you can sign up to learn more [here](#).

Ultimately, NYCPS Cares is about creating the conditions for our young people to thrive, both in the classroom and beyond. Thank you again for sharing your expertise during the Listening Tour—and please know that NYCPS Cares is the direct result of your advocacy.

In partnership,

Melissa Aviles-Ramos

Chancellor

The Chancellor's Spotlight:

To make NYCPS Cares a success, we need to engage the entire village. That's why we are collaborating with agencies and institutions across the city that support children and families. I'm thrilled that over a dozen partners so far have expressed interest in supporting our Family Connectors initiative, from the Department of Youth & Community Development to the City University of New York to the Brooklyn Public Library. To all our partners, thank you. I can't wait to see the impact of this work on our community.

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

Our Highlight Video:



For translations, please visit our [YouTube page](#).

NYCPS News and Resources:

1. The [NYC School Survey](#) deadline has been extended to April 11—make your voice heard!
2. Middle and high school students and educators can attend our Youth Climate Summit in May. Learn more and apply [here](#)!
3. For more news and resources, check out [The Morning Bell](#) or follow NYCPS online at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).
4. 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](#).