



Dear Parents & Families:

With the start of the school year just a few weeks away, I am writing to inform you of the opportunity for middle school students to apply for high quality after school programs called School's Out New York City (SONYC)—at no cost to families. On September 8, SONYC programs will begin operating at most public middle schools across the City, Monday through Friday, from 3 pm – 6 pm.

Middle school can be a challenging time for students, parents and teachers. SONYC helps students develop new skills and interests, prepare for high school and college, and keep them safe after the school bell rings. This is why Mayor Bill de Blasio made expanded after school programs for middle school students one of his top priorities.

Whether you are a parent of a middle school student or know someone who is, please help get the word out about SONYC. I strongly encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity by visiting www.nyc.gov/afterschool to apply online by September 3, to alert the program of your plans to enroll. Applications for after school programs for elementary school students are also available.

If you have any questions, please call 311 or DYCD YOUTH CONNECT at 1-800-246-4646.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of New York City's young people.

Warmly,

Chancellor Carmen Fariña