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Hello 8th Grade Families,

I hope remote learning for everyone went smoothly today. We really appreciate everyone's patience as we roll out a completely new system. I know many of you are anxious to learn more about the waitlist process. See below for information that The Office of Enrollment has sent me.

Waitlists for high school admissions are **now open** in MySchools. This year, there will be no **Round 2 high school application or Appeals process**. Instead, all high school programs (except the nine [Specialized High Schools](#)) will have waitlists.

Waitlists will be open throughout the spring and will close at the end of July 2020. High schools may make waitlist offers at any time until July 24, and families can respond to a waitlist offer until July 30.

Students are automatically placed on waitlists for all schools that they list higher on their application than the school to which they are given an offer. Students will have a unique placement on each waitlist. Students' positions may shift on waitlists as students are called off or added to waitlists. The order of a school waitlist will depend on its admissions method and priority structure.

In summary, schools that are:

- a. **Open/Limited Unscreened Admissions:** Students will be ordered randomly within their priority group.
- b. **Screened/Screened for Language:** Students will be ordered by their rank within their priority group.
- c. **Audition:** Students will be ordered by their rank within their priority group.
- d. **Ed Opt Admissions Method:** Students will be ordered randomly within their academic performance group (low, middle, high) within their priority group.

Information about waitlists can be found: schools.nyc.gov/waitlists

Starting today, families can do the following in MySchools (myschools.nyc):

- See the waitlists that their child is on and their position on each waitlist. .
- Add their child to additional waitlists.
- Accept or decline a waitlist offer if they receive one.
- **Accept or decline a Specialized High School offer.** Like previous years, this is only relevant for students who received an offer from their application *and* an offer to a Specialized High School; **students with one admissions offer are defaulted to accept that offer.**

Reminders:

- Families can get their high school offer letters online in MySchools ([myschools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov)), which includes results from the high school application **and** any Specialized HS admissions results, if applicable.
- Family Welcome Centers are temporarily closed, but can be reached via email. Please see the our website for more information:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers>
- HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov: This email is for school staff and families who have questions about high school admissions. Please allow for 48 hours response time.
- Waitlists@schools.nyc.gov: This email is for school staff and families who have questions about waitlists or want to request to be added to waitlists. Please allow for 24 – 48 hours response time.

All the best,

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