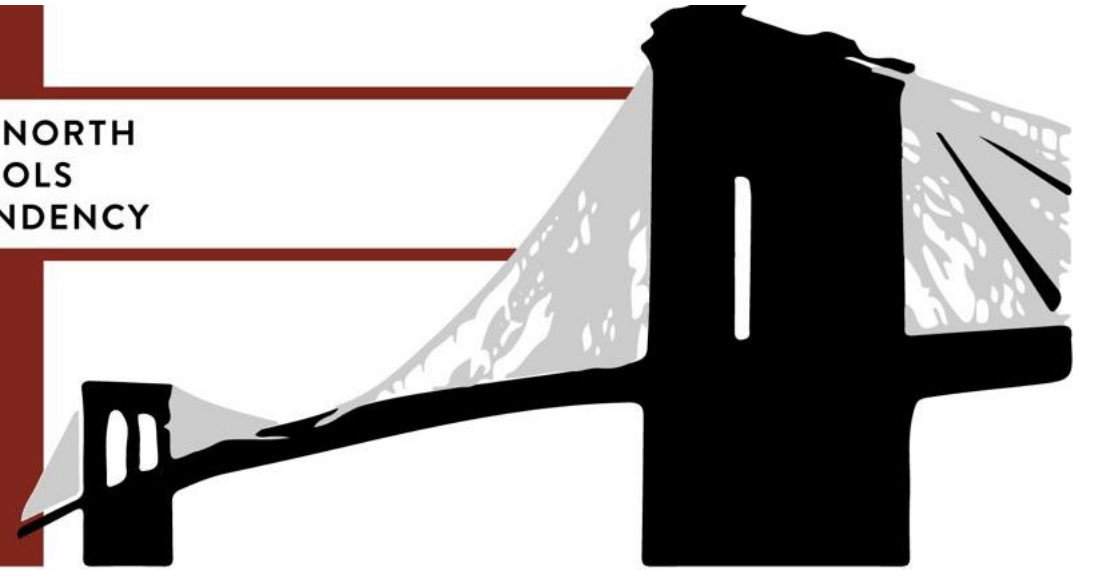




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HIGH SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENCY**

**PEDAGOGY
OF
CRITICAL
LOVE**



Updates for CEC & DLT

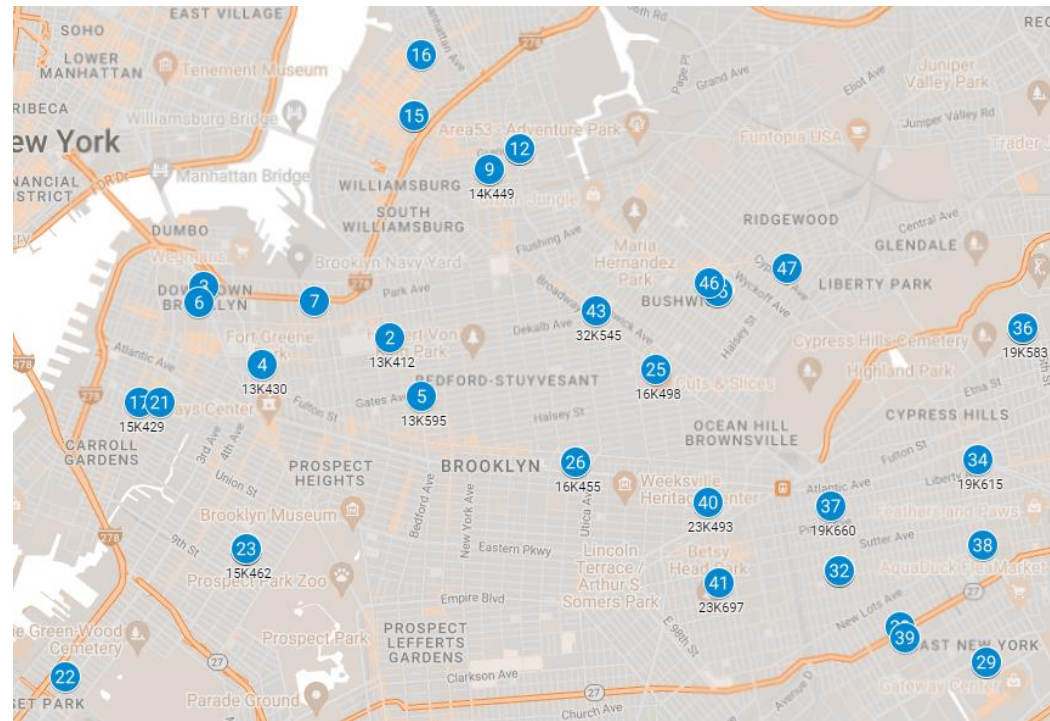
December 2023 | District 15

Janice Ross - Superintendent

Rushell White, Ed.D - Deputy Supt | Dayana Ibadango - FLC

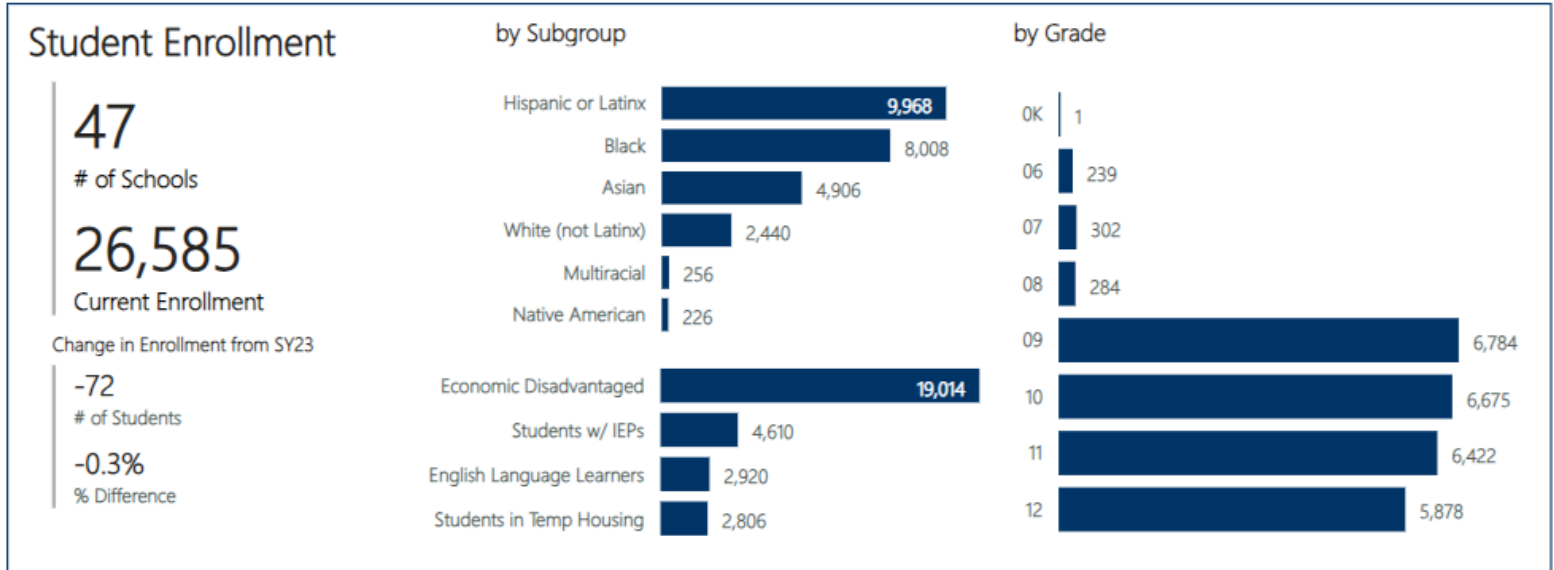
Yuet Chu – E.D. of School Support

Brooklyn North High Schools Demographics



School Type	
High School	42
Secondary School	5
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Total	47
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NYSED Status	
LSI (Good Standing)	47
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Click here to view an interactive map to learn more about our schools.	

DBN	SCHOOL NAME
15K429	Digital Arts and Cinema Technology HS
15K462	John Jay School for Law
15K463	Cyberarts Studio Academy (CASA)
15K464	Park Slope Collegiate
15K519	Cobble Hill School of American Studies
15K667	Sunset Park High School
15K684	Millennium Brooklyn High School



Educational Philosophy

At Brooklyn North, we pride ourselves in operating under the *pedagogy of critical love* > <https://vimeo.com/567105396/b6d3084b87>.

Concept of Pedagogy of Critical Love

One of the great problems of history is that the concepts of love and power have usually been contrasted as opposites — polar opposites — so that love is identified with a resignation of power, and power with a **denial of love** ... What is needed is the realization that **power without love is reckless and abusive**, and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.

"Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." (Martin Luther King Jr., 1967)

"All the great movements for social justice in our society have strongly emphasized a **love ethic**." (bell hooks 2000, p. xvii)

At Brooklyn North High Schools, LOVE is:

- 100% attendance
- 100% graduation
- 100% college- & career-readiness
- 100% college persistence





Superintendent
Janice Ross



Dear Parents and Community Members,

There may be a Fall chill in the air, but there is still plenty of warmth in our hearts as we continue to educate and nurture the children of Brooklyn North High School. It gives us great joy to share with you the incredible achievements and milestones we have witnessed throughout our district this year. Your unwavering support and partnership have played a significant role in making these accomplishments possible, and we are grateful for your continued involvement in our school community.

Academically, we have seen remarkable progress and growth. More students are taking on the challenge of AP exams and achieving qualifying scores, demonstrating their dedication and commitment to their education. We are proud to share that six of our schools have been awarded grants to implement AP Computer Science Courses, enabling our students to develop essential skills for the future. Additionally, 12 of our schools have been selected to be part of an expanded program of 200 schools nationwide that will offer AP African American Studies, a testament to our commitment to providing a diverse and inclusive curriculum.

Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting our annual school fair at Westinghouse CTE, and we were overwhelmed by the turnout and enthusiasm from over 300 families in attendance. This event provided a platform for potential new students and their families to explore and discover the incredible opportunities our high schools have to offer. The success of this fair is a testament to the vibrant and engaging learning environment we have cultivated in our schools, and we are excited to welcome these new students into our community.

As we celebrate these achievements and look towards the future, we remain committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for every student in our care. We strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our goal is to equip them with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

We invite you to join us on this journey of educational excellence and critical love. Together, let us continue to foster a strong partnership between our dedicated teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members. By working hand in hand, we can create a nurturing and empowering environment that sets our students up for lifelong success.

Thank you for your unwavering support, trust, and commitment to the Brooklyn North High School community. We look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead and the continued growth and success of our students.



District Vision

Each student will be provided with a loving, equitable learning community where they can pursue their passions, achieve academic excellence and economic freedom by graduating within four years, college- and career-ready, highly qualified to collaborate, communicate, think critically, and be creative to persist as global citizens.



District Mission

BKNHS will operationalize the Pedagogy of Critical Love by being data-driven, building collective efficacy, and viewing students through an asset-based lens to ensure that students are provided with loving, equitable learning communities where they can pursue their passions, achieve academic excellence and economic freedom.



2023-24 District Goals

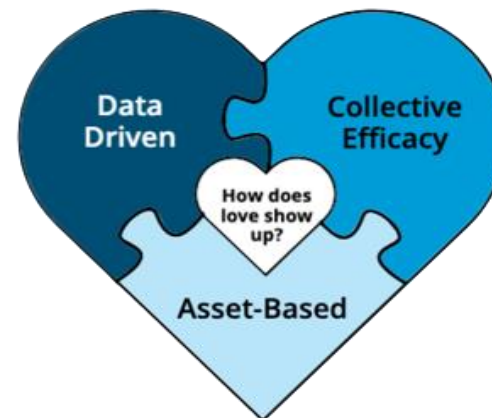
Goal 1:

By June 2024, 100% of BKNHS will partner with industries to offer career pathways, authentic work-based learning experiences, enriched by industry and academic partnerships and career-connected learning informed by student voice and choice, where students are ignited by rigorous, dynamic hands-on experiences in 21st century, technology-infused classrooms, that inspire them in their pursuit of passions and goals.

Goal 2:

By June 2024, all BKNHS will provide a high-quality student experience that is culturally responsive and sustaining, includes standards-aligned curricula with formative assessments for progress monitoring, and ensures that all students read and integrates highly impactful instructional and SEL practices, whereby 100% of our students will graduate with a 10% increase in college & career readiness.

This Month's Focus:
Reimagining the learner experience



Goal 3:

By June 2024, all BKNHS will create or expand their parent engagement plans to increase family involvement in our schools through collaboration and partnership with community stakeholders, empowering parents to be supporters, monitors, and advocates to sustain and advance student academic outcomes and personal success.

Goal 4:

By June 2024, the BKNHS district chronic absenteeism rate will decrease by 7%, and overall attendance will increase by 5%, with an interdisciplinary attendance team that includes school stakeholders (counselors, administrators, school partners); structures for data monitoring and analysis, evaluation and assessment; and opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement.

YTD Attendance

BKNHS: 89%

BKNHS D15: 88%

Chronically Absenteeism Rate

BKNHS: 12%

BKNHS D15: 9%

Neuroscience of Learning



- Significant brain development during adolescence.
- Changing behaviors creates new neural pathways that can be strengthened by environment and activity.
- Co-regulation (supported self-regulation) needed up to age 25.
- The traditional "factory" school & classroom models do not allow teachers to meet every learner's individual needs that may change from day to day.

The 4 Pillars

Space Design - Designed intentionally to foster student-centered learning and emotional well-being

Flexible Furniture - Reconfigures to meet the needs of the teaching and learning objectives AND to promote novelty & movement

Technology - Integrated into teaching and learning to reduce cognitive load and support career-path development.

Professional Development - Comprehensive Plan to support leadership and teachers with future forward teaching and learning.



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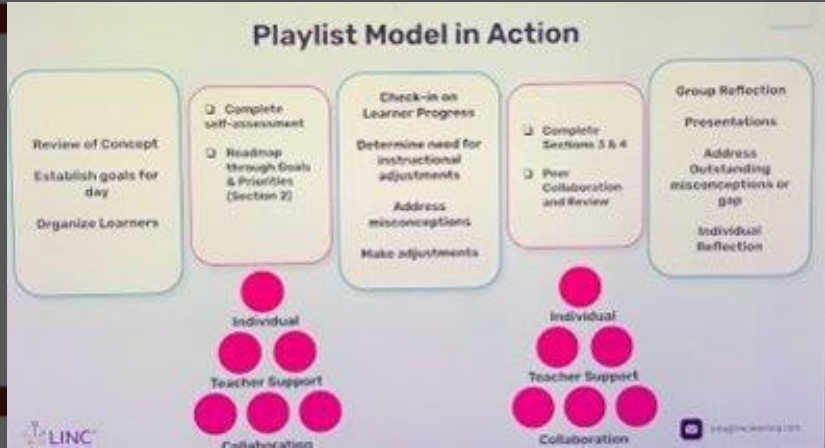
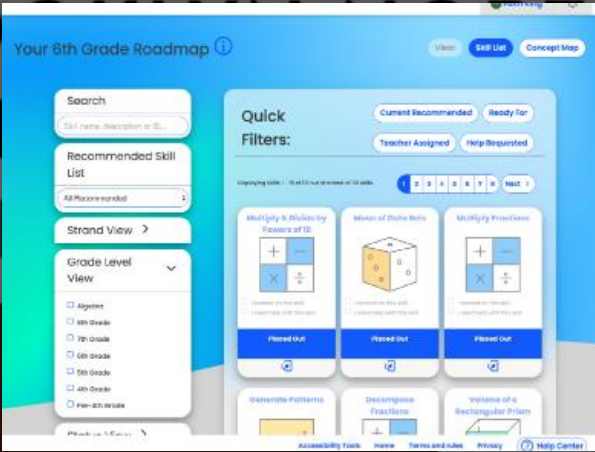
Reimagining Where We Learn

Modernize the Learner Experience

- Flexible furniture - adapts to individual learner needs, allows for innovation in pedagogy (flipped classroom), virtual / hybrid experiences (e-sports, college "visits,"
- Innovative technology for individual, group and whole class work – interactive white boards, Z-space, LMS (Google Classroom)
- Modernized Curriculum & Tools – PrismsMath, Teach to One Roadmaps, No Red Ink

NEW CLASSROOMS

Roadmaps | Teach to One



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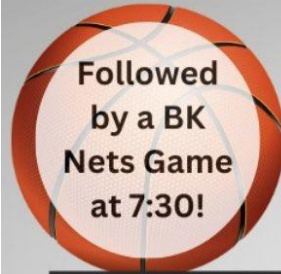
Innovative Strategies & Learning Tools

- PrismsMATH uses virtual reality to immerse students in real world situations that require mathematic solutions – i.e. deriving the equation for a circle while studying Central Asia's yurts.
- Teach to One Roadmaps is a learning management platform that allows students and teachers to master the algebra standards by targeting missing or weak foundational skills.
- Strategies like the Playlist Model allow teachers to differentiate for every student.

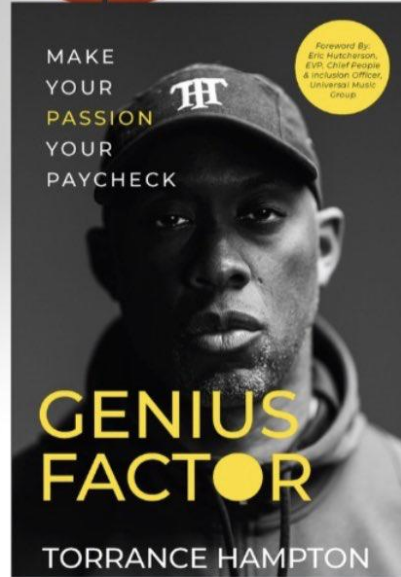


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Inspiring Minds & The Office of Superintendent Janice Ross Presents:



MBK UNITY



Caleb F.



Michael Muir



Arnold Ludd



Kelvin Davis



Marvin A.



Roger & Dexter

Learn from our Keynote **Torrance Hampton** how to align your passion with your paycheck, followed by workshops led by our MBK Ambassadors who did just that! They created their own Summer jobs by designing and leading programs that used their passion as a vehicle to solve issues in their community.

Nov 14th, 4-6:30 PM, Brooklyn Tech HS
29 Fort Greene Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11217





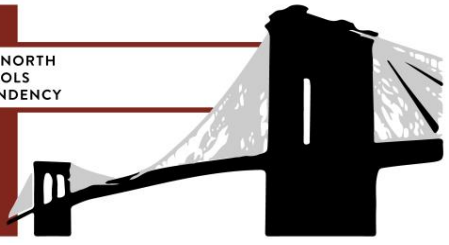
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Ms. Fox Welcomes

DT

DIGITAL ARTS & CINEMA TECHNOLOGY

What's
Happening ?



The DT students had so much fun at our annual Pumpkin Carving. Always a great way to kick off the Holiday Season. We came together to break bread and give thanks with our extended DT Family. Shout out to our PTA President for raffling some food bags. Our students had the opportunity to visit a gallery in Soho to see Siyan Wong's exhibition "Lives of Three Cannors: New York's Chinese Elderly Immigrants." It was a great evening for a Paint and Sip workshop with our MSK students.

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL WITH
MS.HERNANDEZ



NEW PARENT
COORDINATOR ALERT



Spirit Week

For Spirit week the students and teachers had fun dressing up on Costume Day. There were many fun and creative costumes, while some were quite scary.

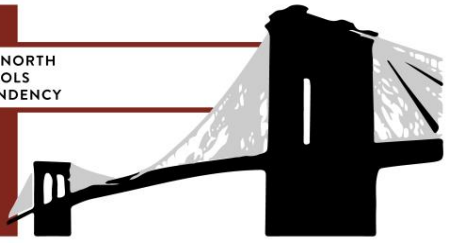


DAILY REMINDER :

Every student should arrive on time at school.

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CYBERARTS STUDIO ACADEMY

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FILM FESTIVAL 2023

DECEMBER, 08 6 - 8 PM FREE ENTRY
WE LIVE IN BROOKLYN ✦ THE ME THAT YOU DON'T SEE

FILMS FROM SPRING AND FALL 2023
237 7TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11215

Upcoming Events



Afterschool Clubs
Tuesdays-Thursdays
(Check CASA's Monthly Calendar for details.)

CASA Special Education Open House
Wednesday, 11/8, 6:30pm (Virtual)

CASA Open House
Thursday, 11/9, 6:00-7:30pm (Auditorium)

SLT Parent Elections
Thursday, 11/9, 6:00-7:00pm (Room G22A)

FASFA Workshop
Tuesday, 11/14, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Parent Self-Care Workshop
Tuesday, 11/14, 6:00pm-7:30pm (Room G22A)

Student Town Hall
Wednesday, 11/15 - Grades 9 & 10, Pd. 3
Grades 11 & 12, Pd. 4

Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, 11/16, (Virtual)

Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, 11/17 - ?????? Virtual Only

Thanksgiving Recess
Thurs, 11/23 & Fri, 11/24 - Schools closed



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER OBSERVANCES

- National Adoption Month
- American Diabetes Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- National Inspirational Role Models Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Native-American Heritage Month





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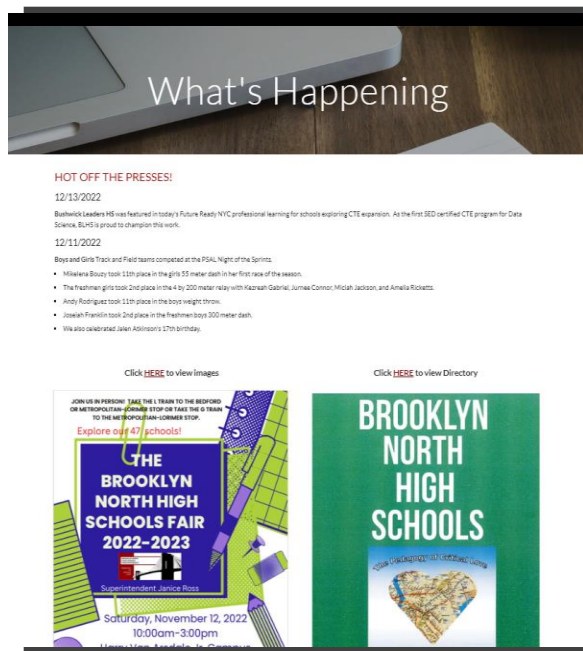
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Thanks to our parent coordinators!

