



November 1, 2024

Dear Brooklyn North High Schools Community,

October has been a productive and thoughtful month for our 47 schools across 7 districts in Brooklyn North. We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and honored our school leaders for National Principals' Month. To align our values and vision for "One Brooklyn," our principals convened with colleagues from Brooklyn South, Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Chief of Safety and Prevention Partnerships Mark Rampersant, and the Office of Student Pathways. Throughout the month, our schools engaged in meaningful activities to raise awareness for Breast Cancer, Anti-Bullying, and Domestic Violence Prevention.

As November brings the first chill of the season, our hearts are filled with warmth as we celebrate the achievements and milestones our district is already enjoying this school year. On Saturday, October 19, we welcomed hundreds of families to our annual school fair at Westinghouse CTE High School. This event provided an opportunity for potential new students and their families to explore and discover all that our 47 schools have to offer. The success of this fair is a testament to the vibrant and engaging learning environment we have cultivated in our district. We are grateful for the partnership and support of our community superintendents across Brooklyn North.

Excited for the possibilities of a new school year, we look forward to expanding our district initiatives to reimagine the student experience. We look forward to more schools across the district engaging in classroom modernization projects and implementing innovative curriculum resources - i.e., using virtual reality technology to explore careers and investigate algebra problems. This year, our science teachers will evolve their pedagogy so students can experience science authentically as scientists - exploring, investigating, experimenting. We are excited to replicate and improve on our impressive science expo that showcased BKNHS students meaningfully engaging in science - using drone technology to survey and plan, testing water quality in nearby Shirley Chisolm Park, experimenting with urban farming to address food deserts in our own neighborhoods, adapting technology to harness solar power in a cost-effective way for relatives in developing countries, ... just to name a few!

Thank you for joining us on this journey of educational excellence, anchored by the pedagogy of critical love. Together, we will continue to foster strong partnerships between our dedicated staff, students, parents and guardians, and community members. Working hand in hand, we will sustain nurturing and empowering school environments that prepare students for long-term economic security and rewarding careers, while also equipping them to be positive change-makers.

Warmly,

Janice Ross



## **District Overview**

**2024-25 Directory | 2024-25 Open Houses** 





### Year to date

Enrollment: 26,613

Attendance: 89%

Chronic Absenteeism: 31%

### **School Type**

High Schools: 42

Secondary Schools: 5

In Good Standing: 47

### **Student Groups**

Students with IEPs – 17%

Multilingual Learners – 12%

Housing insecure – 12%

### **Graduation Rate**

4-year as of 8/31/24

BKNHS = **91**%

NYCPS (2023) = 84%



## **District Vision**

Each student will be provided with a loving, **inclusive 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 **using an asset-based lens** to ensure that **each student is provided with loving, inclusive learning communities** where they can **pursue their passions, achieve academic excellence and economic freedom.** 

## 2024-25 District Goals

### Goal 1: (Priority 4)

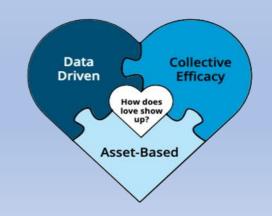
By June 2025, BKNHS will partner with industries to offer authentic work-based learning experiences, enriched by industry and academic partnerships informed by student voice and choice, where students are ignited by rigorous, dynamic hands-on experiences in 21st century, technology-infused classrooms, that inspire them in their pursuit of passions and goals reflecting a 4 point district increase of students participating in career connected pathway, and a 16 point increase of students that have a post-secondary pathway of interest documented in STARS.

### **Goal 2: (Priorities 1, 2 & 3)**

By June 2025, all BKNHS will provide a physically and emotionally safe high-quality student learning experience that is literacy based, culturally responsive and sustaining, includes standards-aligned curricula with formative assessments for progress monitoring, ensures that all students learning needs are met and integrates highly impactful instructional and SEL practices, whereby district incidents and suspensions decrease by 3%, the average district ELA and Algebra I Regents scores will increase 3-10 points for all students and a 6pt increase in college & career readiness and overall increases in district grad rate.

### Goal 3: (Priority 5)

By June 2025, district parent involvement will increase 4% where 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: Chronic Absenteeism (Priority CA)

By June 2025, the district chronic absenteeism rate will decrease by 3%, and overall attendance will increase by 2% 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.



# Happening in Our Schools



























### **BKNHS** Fair

Click HERE for more photos
Visit our website for our
Directory and School Open
House / Admissions Contact Info



# Happening in Our District





### BROOKLYN NORTH HIGH SCHOOLS

**Superintendent Janice Ross** 

2024-25
ORIENTATION
for 9th Grade &
Prospective Families

Thursday 11/7/2024 6:30 – 8:30pm Via Zoom

Click HERE to register

HOME OF THE PEDAGOGY OF CRITICAL LOVE

### **AGENDA**

6:30 Welcome – Supt Ross

6:45 Keynote - Consuelo Kickbusch

7:10 Workshop 1

7:40 Workshop 2

8:10 Wrap-Up

LINK to Supt Ross'

**Presentation** 

Click here for Workshop
Materials & Resources



## **BKNHS in Your District**

### Millennium Brooklyn | Stephanie Hernandez



### It's been a busy October! Open Houses, Student Clubs Fair, visit with Deputy Chancellor Rux









### Digital Arts & Cinema Tech | Cheryl Ann Fox



### John Jay School for Law | Michelle Carvalho





# Data for your District (10/31)



| School ↑<br>Name     | DBN♡   | School<br>Type | Active<br>Students<br>(#) | SWD   | ML  | Housing<br>Insecure | YTD<br>Attendance<br>Rate | Class of 2024<br>Grad Rate |
|----------------------|--------|----------------|---------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cobble Hill          | 15K519 | HS             | 322                       | 22.7% | 37% | 25.5%               | 82.3%                     | 78.7%                      |
| CSA                  | 15K463 | HS             | 268                       | 28.4% | 33% | 16.8%               | 82.6%                     | 81.5%                      |
| Digital Tech HS      | 15K429 | HS             | 295                       | 24.1% | 2%  | 7.1%                | 92.1%                     | 96.4%                      |
| John Jay             | 15K462 | HS             | 455                       | 21.1% | 9%  | 14.7%               | 86.7%                     | 86.4%                      |
| Millenium BK         | 15K684 | HS             | 686                       | 16.6% | 0%  | 3.2%                | 95.7%                     | 98.8%                      |
| Park Slope Collegiat | 15K464 | 6 to 12        | 509                       | 23.4% | 6%  | 12.2%               | 91.9%                     | 87.8%                      |
| Sunset Park          | 15K667 | HS             | 1357                      | 19.5% | 29% | 14.4%               | 86.1%                     | 84%                        |



## District Comprehensive Education Plan

2024-25

**DRAFT** 

(will be published in December)

Click <u>here</u> for details

### Priority 1: All student learn to read well

District average ELA regents score for all students will increase 5 points to 66.5.

District average ELA regents scores for SWDs will increase 3 points to 60%.

District average ELA score for M/ELLs increase by at least 5 points to 49.7.

### Priority 2: Meeting the Moment - safe, meaningful, and inclusive spaces for students

Level 4 and 5 district incidents will decrease 3% to 1421(level 4) and 290 (level 5)

Suspensions in the district will decrease by 3% to 1270 (Principal) and 313 (Superintendent)

### Priority 3: All students have a high-quality academic experience

District average Algebra I Regents score for all students will increase by at least 5 pts to 63.6.

District average Algebra I Regents score for SWD will increase by at least 3 pts to 57.2.

District average Algebra I Regents Score for M/ELLS will increase at least 5 points to 58.

### Priority 4: All students graduate college and career ready and have a strong plan and pathway to economic security

4-point increase in all students participating in a career connected learning pathway to 10%.

6.5-point increase in all students enrolled in early college coursework to 50%.

16-point increase to 20% in the % of 9-12 students that have a post-secondary pathway of interest (STARS).

The number of schools offering the New York State Seal of Biliteracy will increase to 18.

### Priority 5: Creating safe, meaningful, and inclusive spaces for students (and families)

Favorable responses to parent involvement questions will increase by 4 pts to 80% of families - NYC school survey. 10 additional district schools will have transformed at least one student space to align with the district vision for a reimagined 21st century STEM infused learning environment.

### **Priority Chronic Absenteeism**

The district average year to date attendance will increase by 2% from 88% to 90%.

The district chronic absenteeism rate will decrease by 3% from 36% to 33%



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**BKNHS** District Digest

Thanks to our parent coordinators!

**Brooklyn North High Schools** 

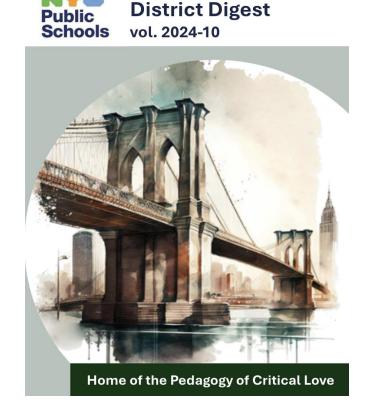
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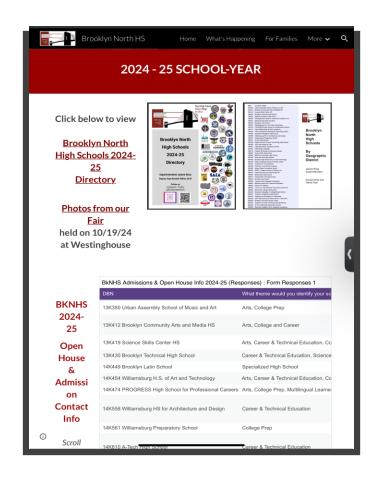


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