



Dear School Staff,

The Restart Academy Middle School program is an alternative school program under the auspices of District 79 that was designed for 8th grade students ages 14.5 to 17 who have been previously retained and would benefit from a change in current school setting. Due to our unique structure, we are proud to have been able to maintain an over 90% promotion rate of our students.

Our eight middle school sites are housed in community high schools throughout the city (see the attached flyer for the locations) and each has a similar design and structure. We are able to offer small classes - typically fewer than 15 students per class which enables us to offer more intensive support to each student, including during remote learning. Each site has a guidance counselor who provides social emotional support and guides families through the high school application process, including avenues to other alternative programs. We provide students with many field trip opportunities to our city's cultural institutions and museums, as well as trips to various colleges and universities as part of the NYCDOE's College Access for All program. We have frequent guest speakers, community-based organizations, and arts organizations that come in and work with our students to enhance their school experience.

We will be conducting virtual **Open Houses** starting **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 10:50am-11:50am** and every **Wednesday** throughout the summer for you to learn more about us and ask questions. Join us on

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968570922?pwd=SzY4d3BYVW9YZ1JralUrUnc1MnVPQT09>
Meeting ID: 829 6857 0922 Passcode: 150934

If you are interested in referring a student or if you are a parent or guardian and are interested in starting the application process for your student, please complete the referral form found here [ReStart MS Application Form 2021/22](#) and we will contact the parent/guardian to set up a Virtual intake appointment.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with your student in September.

Sincerely,
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