

September 4, 2025

Dear District 32 Lighthouse Community,

Welcome back to the 2025-school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. As we launch the new school year, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible journey we've had together this past year. Thanks to the dedication of our students, families, educators, and community partners, District 32 truly shined with brilliance, collaboration, and joy.

It was great to see so many of our staff and families come out for our **Summer Community Bash in July**, where we came together for music, resources, and celebration to the many milestones reached by our students and community throughout the year. District 32 continues to showcase the very best of Bushwick. Highlights include:

- 🌟 Celebrating our **Big Apple Teacher Award winner, Mr. Reyes Andon from PS 376** for his commitment to bringing quality physical education and social emotional learning for our students across the District. He will be featured on the NYC Today Show on Friday, September 5th, 2025!
- ➡️ Applauding our **Math teacher, Mia Price** from P.S./I.S. 45 who was featured in the *NYC Solves Newsletter* for her transformative approach to math instruction, inspiring both students and peers.
- 🔬 Showcasing our students' brilliance at the **District STEAM Expo**, where our future scientists presented incredible investigations and innovations.
- 🎭 Applauding students across the district as they **brought the arts to life through musicals, dance, and other vibrant productions** that highlighted their talent and creativity.
- 🌸 Honoring families and leaders at our **Parent Leadership Recognition Breakfast**.
- 🤝 Celebrating **PS 145's citywide recognition** for their exemplary collaboration with their Community Based Organization and strong family partnerships.
- 🗣️ Watching our students **amplify their voices through debate** in partnership with the **American Debate League**.
- 🎓 Encouraging dreams as students **visited colleges across the city**, preparing for their bright futures.
- ❤️ **Community Partnerships**: From the unwavering support of the NYPD 83rd Precinct, to Community Board 4, elected officials, and local organizations, our partnerships continue to strengthen the foundation of success for our students.

These are just a few examples of the brilliance that lives in every corner of District 32. Each moment reminds us that when schools, families, and communities come together, we create opportunities that inspire and empower every child.

District 32 is more than a district — **we are a lighthouse**. A beacon of care, community, and excellence for Bushwick, for Brooklyn, and for all of New York City. Together with our teachers, staff, and families, we will continue to shine brightly in the year ahead.

As we look ahead, I am filled with excitement for the 2025–2026 school year. Together, we will continue to build on this momentum, strengthen our partnerships, and ensure that every student in Bushwick is supported, celebrated, and set up for success.

With gratitude,

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