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Dear Families,

We have some important news to share regarding the safety measures at our school. In line with our commitment to enhance security practices, all NYC Public Schools will have a Safer Access system installed during the 2023-25 school years. The Safer Access system is designed to strengthen our existing safety and security practices as part of the overall visitor protocols at our school.

What is Safer Access?

The primary objective of the Safer Access system is to ensure that all doors remain locked outside of the morning-entry and afternoon-dismissal periods. When school doors are locked, visitors wishing to gain access to the building will ring the intercom at the main entrance door (or ADA-accessibility entrance if applicable) and identify themselves before access is granted into the school building. Safer Access allows our dedicated staff assigned to the main desk (School Safety Agents and/or school staff) to be able to see and speak with visitors before granting them access inside. **Please be assured that all visitors to our school will continue to be treated with courtesy, professionalism, and respect while awaiting entry into our building.** In addition to enhancing safety, this system allows for easy access for first responders during an emergency.

The Safter Access system has been installed as P.S. 184Q. Our school staff (including School Safety Agents) and students will receive training on using the system as well as how to support all visitors in accordance with our policy.

Beginning Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the main entrance doors of the school will be locked except during morning entry from 8:00am to 8:20am and dismissal from 2:20pm – 2:35pm. All visitors to the school will have to ring the doorbell, identify themselves, and state reason for visiting before the security agent will buzz them in. Once in the building, all visitors will have to show a valid government issued ID, be signed in by the security agent as we always have done.

We believe Safer Access will greatly contribute to maintaining a secure learning environment for our students and staff.

We look forward to the NYC Public Schools Safer Access system creating a safer environment for everyone. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Warm regards,

Grace Lee-Sim
Principal

