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Dear Bushwick Eagle Families:

I hope you and your families are all well and in good health. First and foremost, I want to write with gratitude and praise for your patience and flexibility this year as we have navigated the Covid 19 pandemic and remote learning. I know that it has not always been easy and we are extremely thankful for your partnership during this unique time.

I am writing to you with the exciting news that Bushwick Ascend Middle School is moving toward a hybrid reopening beginning April 6, 2021. For our hybrid reopening, we will be inviting 25% of our scholars back for in-person learning. Those who join us for in-person will report to the BWMS campus four (4) days a week, from Monday-Thursday, and be 100% remote every Friday.

At this time, we will be prioritizing our 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars. This is due to the fact that they are first time learners on our campus. In order to determine the remainder of the scholars, we used the following criteria:

- Scholars who are homeless or in temporary housing
- Scholars without consistent access to wi-fi
- Scholars who have IEP needs that require meeting in-person
- Scholars who have excessive absences

Unfortunately, this does not mean that all scholars that meet this criteria will be able to return, since we can only safely invite 25% of our scholars. We do look to add additional availability in the future as we look toward June and the next school year.

It is important to note that regardless of if your scholar joins us in-person or remains remote, we will be providing the highest quality of instruction. Your scholar's success is of the utmost importance to us and we will continue to work to meet all scholars' needs.

Again, thank you for your continued partnership and patience as we navigate this pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at any time.

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