



Dear 8th Grader,

Congratulations, you successfully finished the 8th grade and you are now a rising high school student!

The 2019-2020 school year has been historic and world changing. You stayed strong, adaptable and resilient as school buildings closed, social distancing began, and your home became your classroom and your computer and telephone connected you with your teachers and classmates.

You are a hero for keeping up with your classes and adapting to so many changes in your world and our City. You have matured this year, you have gained new life skills, and you are ready for the 2020-2021 school year, whether our school communities return to their school buildings, learn at home on the computer, or a combination.

As your Chancellor, I want you to know how proud we are of you for all the hard work you did this school year and for everything you overcame. Together, we celebrate your promotion to high school with you and your family, and we wish each of you a healthy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Carranza

Chancellor

New York City Department of Education

