Dear Principal Keri Ricks,

The DOE and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) are collaborating to launch Learning Bridges - a new program that will provide free child care options for children from 3-K through 8th grade from 8am -3pm on days when they are scheduled for remote learning. There are over 200 Learning Bridge sites around the City and each site will be matched with at least one school to recruit students.  We are excited to inform you that your school has been paired with the below Learning Bridges site.

The site name and contact information for your paired Learning Bridges sites is listed below:

* **CBO Name**- University Settlement Society of New York
* **Learning Lab Site Name**- Houston Street Center
* **Site Address**- 273 Bowery, Manhattan, NY, 11102
* **CBO Contact**- Alison Smith
* **CBO Contact Title**- Director of Houston Street Center
* **CBO Phone Number**- 917-946-4314
* **CBO Contact Email**- alisons@universitysettlement.org

Note, students must be enrolled in blended learning/hybrid schedules (100% remote students are not eligible) and attend one of the matched schools (or reside in a matched homeless shelter) to be able to attend a Learning Bridges program.  The program will be available beginning Monday, September 21 and students at your school are eligible and encouraged to apply. **To enroll in Learning Bridges, families should fill out the application available here:** [www.schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/learning-bridges).

Please inform your families of the program and how they can enroll online by:

* Sharing the linked [FLYER](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1fVS1a1h0W_zjf_E0bnVsNl9kjwyHk8Ka%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7Cdstokes%40schools.nyc.gov%7Cdcdc82b46aea44655b8808d85a7cbd3d%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637358839085191900&sdata=gVI8eoz3d9X2FkLa2xebYQz%2FwKqVfI54vpKmnJyhZnQ%3D&reserved=0) with a designated staff member to disseminate to families. The flyer is accessible in multiple languages [HERE](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Fdrive%2Ffolders%2F1IQ2vUagQBsEaJKyKQIfBOrTmSGW5VAV_%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7Cdstokes%40schools.nyc.gov%7Cdcdc82b46aea44655b8808d85a7cbd3d%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637358839085201893&sdata=khp3kX%2FcF7tw5ctFYVoztWTfLJb0eRxOPIsJV3sJXCc%3D&reserved=0).
* Sharing the link to the [DOE website](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges)where families must apply through.

More detailed information for you and your staff including priority enrollment can be found linked [HERE](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F17hreqCH7DomTalkSRv5__JmNLJr89aKn2ILWClZcAmg%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7Cdstokes%40schools.nyc.gov%7Cdcdc82b46aea44655b8808d85a7cbd3d%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637358839085201893&sdata=4TBeTyLu9MeMJRKOHt0tIzFDkFAPWXZQ3HRQCPmilGc%3D&reserved=0).A set of frequently asked questions that may be helpful to you is linked [HERE](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1kjgU9YwcKuO6ngy7JBW8VgfwSFlX0LDh%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7Cdstokes%40schools.nyc.gov%7Cdcdc82b46aea44655b8808d85a7cbd3d%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637358839085211888&sdata=kdAeEgUc6IUaB%2BD5%2BSHxNpbTay5G78nPrRJ6RKgmTNw%3D&reserved=0).

If you have questions about the program, or if we can assist you in this effort please do not hesitate to contact us at afterschool@schools.nyc.gov.

Thank you for helping to connect families with this valuable resource.

In Partnership,

The Office of Community Schools, NYCDOE

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)