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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New York State Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Regulations require the New York City Department of Education's Office of Early Childhood Education to establish a process to understand the development of all children participating in the UPK program. To comply with this Regulation, your child will be screened by his/her classroom teacher using the Early Screening Inventory-Revised (ESI-R) by the middle of November.

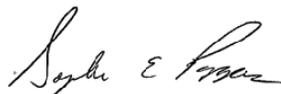
All children develop according to their own schedule of growth. Some develop faster in some areas and slower in other areas. This screening will assist your child's teacher in learning more about various aspects of your child's development such as language, cognition, perception, and motor development. To get a more complete picture of your child's growth and development, we are asking you to complete and return the Parent Questionnaire that will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

It is important to note that this screening does not determine eligibility for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten, nor is it a test of IQ, school readiness or acceptance into the Gifted & Talented program. Your child's teacher will share the outcome of this screening with you.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or our office at earlychildhood@schools.nyc.gov.

For more information on Early Childhood resources please visit our website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/EarlyChildhood/ParentResources>.

Sincerely,



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