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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the next few weeks, you will receive a 2010 Census form in the mail. We urge you to fill out the form and send it back by April 15th to help make sure that every New Yorker is counted.

As you may know, the Census is a count of every person, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, living in the United States and its territories. The results determine how many representatives our City will have in Albany and Washington, D.C., and how much funding we will receive for schools, job training, housing, healthcare, and transportation over the next ten years. An accurate count is necessary to ensure our City is properly represented and adequately funded. That is why we need all New Yorkers to return their forms.

The Census form will ask you to identify every person living with you in your home, regardless of citizenship or immigration status. Please know that the law protects the confidentiality of all personal information—including immigration status, which cannot be shared with any federal, state, or city agency, or any other public or private group. The same confidentiality applies when, after April 15th, Census Bureau workers visit the homes of those who have not already returned their forms.

Help make sure that New York City schools get their fair share of state and federal funding, and that New Yorkers have the right number of representatives we need in Washington and Albany to keep our City moving forward. For more information, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/census2010. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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