



**P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs School**

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Dear 187 Families,

This week, we received our designation for school performance from the New York State Education Department. I am proud to share that we continue to earn the highest designation. Beginning this year, the highest designation is referred to as Local Support and Improvement. This recognition is the result of the hard work and dedication of our staff and students. Congratulations to our school community. Below, please find more information regarding this update.

This letter is to notify you that, our school, P.S./I.S. 187 – Hudson Cliffs School, has been designated for Local Support and Improvement (LSI) by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for the 2022-23 school year based on the performance of our students on New York State assessments in school year 2021-22. The previous designation “Good Standing” has been changed to “Local Support and Improvement (LSI),” to recognize that all schools, even higher performing schools, are in a continuous improvement mode and can benefit from local support from their districts to meet students’ differentiated needs. The school’s designation is part of the state’s accountability system consistent with federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requirements. In the 2023-24 school year, NYSED will be updating school accountability designations based on school year 2022-23 results.

I’m confident that the programs and interventions that are being implemented citywide and at our school will continue to make the 2022-23 school year a high-quality educational experience for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Our entire school staff is committed to ensuring a successful year for our students and school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [ETopbasmejia@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ETopbasmejia@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

*Emel Topbas-Mejia*

Principal