

# HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) identified Harry S Truman High School (X455), as a Focus School for the 2018-19 school year based on the performance of one or more of our school's student subgroups. The designation is part of the state's revised accountability system consistent with its approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requirements. This means that, according to NYSED criteria, some students have not met certain benchmarks.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is committed to providing every child with a high-quality education. Students are part of one of the following academies: Engineering / Robotics, Culinary Arts, Law and Legal Studies, Business, JROTC, and Media. We offer a large number of Honors and Advanced Placement classes. Our students compete at the highest levels in Mock Trial, Culinary Arts, and Robotics competitions. All classrooms are equipped with interactive smart boards and computers. We have 8 computer labs, a photography lab, graphic arts lab, Olympic sized swimming pool, 1200 seat auditorium, planetarium, media arts studio, along with numerous other amenities.

Every effort is being made to provide the highest quality instructional program to best meet the needs of your child, and, Harry S Truman High School (X455) will continue to implement significant interventions to improve student outcomes, including:

- Enhanced curriculum that emphasizes strong writing as a clear demonstration of thinking.
- Enhanced classroom and school libraries to foster independent reading, including a digital library, which our students can access at school and at home on any device.
- Intensive professional development for all teachers and administrators.
- New data system so that we can better track and analyze student progress.
- Enhanced parent engagement efforts and activities.
- Expanded learning activities provided before school, after school, Saturday, and / or during the summer.

I am confident that the interventions and programs that will continue to be implemented citywide and in Truman will make the 2018-19 school year a successful experience for your child.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Our entire school staff is looking forward to a successful year for our students and school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Truman High School at 718-904-5400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keri Alfano".

Keri Alfano  
Principal