



EQUALITY

October 14, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Late Friday afternoon the New York Post published an article alleging that a former staff member had an unlawful sexual relationship with a student. This report is the first time the School heard about this allegation, and we were shocked and disgusted by this allegation as we are sure you are, too.

As of July 2016, the individual (Michael Reyes) was no longer employed at Equality Charter School. Above all else, we are committed to the safety, health and well-being of your children. We understand that you may have questions or concerns and our team is here to support you and your children.

The following people are available specifically and ready to assist:

- Building Principals Amanda Huza at the middle school and Favrol Philemy at the high school should be contacted with your questions or concerns. Their contact information is as follows:
 - MS: Amanda Huza at amanda.huza@equalitycs.org or 718-517-3169 ext 3250
 - HS: Favrol Philemy at favrol.philemy@equalitycs.org or 718-459-9597 ext 4030
- Jessica Bersani, high school social worker, and Alyssa Hirschberg, middle school social worker, will be providing support for your children. Their contact information is as follows:
 - MS: Alyssa Hirschberg at alyssa.hirschberg@equalitycs.org or 718-517-3169 ext 3540
 - HS: Jessica Bersani at jessica.bersani@equalitycs.org or 718-459-9597 ext 4050

We will be speaking with scholars on Monday to ensure that all scholars feel safe and secure and are aware of resources available to them should they have questions or concerns or information they need to share. We will update the School community as needed.

School leadership will be at the PTA meeting on Monday, October 16 at 6:30pm to answer any questions. The meeting will be held at our middle school at 4140 Hutchinson River Parkway East.

Thank you for your ongoing support; we have faith in the resilience of our school community to together work through this troubling matter.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Franco
Founder & Executive Director

www.equalitycharterschool.org
HS: 718-459-9597
MS: 718-517-3169

High School
2141 Seward Avenue
Bronx, NY 10473

Middle School
4140 Hutchinson River Parkway East
Bronx, NY 10475