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Dear PS 206 Families,

I hope that all is well and that you are enjoying your summer. I am writing to inform you about important information related to our afterschool program. In the past, PS 206 and other neighboring schools have partnered with the Queens Central Y for a free afterschool program for students in grades 3-5. I was notified late last week, that the grant that provides this program was not extended and that the Queens Central Y will not be here to provide this service for the 2016-2017 school year. They provided a solid program for our youngsters and this is very unfortunate.

I have worked with our parent coordinator and neighboring principals to find an alternative for our families. I am happy to report that after a lot of searching we have decided to partner with ThinkingCap. ThinkingCap is a well-established organization that provides a highly recommended afterschool program. Their motto is "Be curious...Be confident...Be inspired.." Since the vast majority of afterschool programs do not operate through grants, there will be a fee for students to attend this program. The fee goes toward providing a very high quality and engaging program for our students.

ThinkingCap will provide an afterschool program for students in Kindergarten-grade 5, Monday – Friday from 2:30-6:00.

There will be two orientation sessions you can attend for more information and to meet with the ThinkingCap team: Saturday, August 27, 2016 at PS 206 @ 2:00 pm and Friday, September 2, 2016 @10:00 am. You may attend either orientation as it will be the same information. In addition, you can find a link on our website for more information and the application process. [Just go to ps206q.org](http://ps206q.org)

I am very happy to be able to continue to provide support for our PS 206 families with their afterschool needs. I am confident that our partnership with ThinkingCap will be wonderful for our students and the school community as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

Joan L. Thomas
Principal