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Dear IPS Community

We understand that an IPS intern in a class at our 45th Street location has been arrested by the NYPD based on allegations that he engaged in inappropriate contact with students. When these allegations were first raised by an assistant teacher several weeks ago, IPS took the allegations seriously and immediately began an investigation. The investigation uncovered no evidence to substantiate the allegations made by the assistant teacher. The head teachers, and other educators who spent significant time with the class, all said they had not observed any inappropriate behavior on the part of the intern and were highly complimentary of his work with the children. Based on this investigation, and the information known to us at the time, IPS believed that the allegations were not credible and that disciplinary action against the intern was not warranted.

The safety of our students is our highest priority. In light of the arrest, IPS has suspended this intern and barred him from school grounds. We are fully cooperating with the District Attorney's investigation.

We know you may have concerns and questions about this matter and you should feel free to contact me at [212.371.8604 x1100](tel:212.371.8604) or email me at dcohen@ipsnyc.org or contact Paul Kane, the Chief Administrative Officer, at [212.371.8604 x1106](tel:212.371.8604) or pkane@ipsnyc.org. As much as we want to be as helpful as possible, it would be inappropriate for us to comment on the details of an on-going investigation.

Sincerely,
Donna Cohen, Director