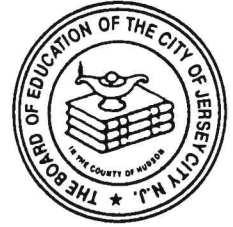




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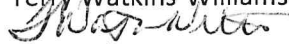
Good afternoon Parents of PK,

I would like to inform you that there will be some changes next school year regarding the CASPER program for PS#16 students. As you know, with the opening of the annex on Washington St. there was a greater demand for the program than we had space. Our goal was to invite the PK students from Danforth to the annex for the CASPER program for your convenience at pick up. However, in doing so, many students who attend the annex during the day (Kindergarten and 1st graders) were unable to get in due to limited space. Therefore, they had to be placed on a waitlist. It is now March and still there are students on the waitlist as parents are returning to work and need the aftercare services. It has always been our goal to accommodate the needs of our downtown families as it relates to programs and services.

Hearing the cries of the community, Dr. Fernandez (Interim Superintendent) aided us with this dilemma by approving the CASPER program at the Danforth Ave. site for **September 2022**. The short term goal is to move the PK3 and PK4 year old program downtown to 70 Bright St. This move would bring both the daytime and aftercare programs (CASPER) closer to the community where our students reside making things more accessible. The expectation for the move to the downtown site will take place either in **January 2023** or **September 2023** depending on facility readiness; but this goal is a priority for Interim Superintendent, Dr. Fernandez.

According to the CASPER department, in September of 2022, PK students who are attending CASPER at the Danforth Ave. site will be bussed to PS#16 MAIN BUILDING at 96 Sussex St. for **6:00 pm drop off**. Parents will receive their children from the busses. **Pick up/Drop off will be at the same location— PS#16 MAIN BUILDING (corner of Sussex St. and Washington St.)**. Any child who isn't picked up on time from the busses will be brought into the main building until a parent arrives.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding as we try to meet the needs of our families in a growing downtown community.

Terry Watkins-Williams

 Principal PS#16