The Oliver Wendell Holmes Intermediate School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year, the New York State Education Department (NYSED), under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), is required to identify the support model for every K–12 school and district in New York State. The support model determined through the ESSA accountability system is crucial to ensuring every student gets the support they need to succeed, promoting fairness, and preparing students for a bright future.

We are writing to inform you that our school, The Oliver Wendell Holmes Intermediate School (30Q204), has been designated for Local Support and Improvement (LSI) by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for the 2025-26 school year based on the performance of our students on New York State assessments in school year 2024-25. The designation “Local Support and Improvement (LSI),” recognizes that all schools, even higher performing schools like ours, are in a continuous improvement mode and can benefit from local support from their districts to meet students’ differentiated needs. LSI is the best accountability status currently available.

I’m confident that the programs and interventions that are being implemented citywide and at our school will continue to make the 2025-26 school year a high-quality educational experience for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Our entire school staff is committed to ensuring a successful year for our students and school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Faye Erstejn-Kōtzer
Principal