

21ST CENTURY AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMY

NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Families

At the conclusion of 21st Century Program Administrators, Staff, Students, and Parents/Guardians, were surveyed. Results of the survey highlighted that there was a concern regarding homework and that the general belief is that students receive a significant amount of skill and content review during 21st Century Program. It has been concluded that all 21st Century schools and programs will be homework optional. Therefore, for students who are enrolled in the 21st Century Program homework will be **optional**. Scholars enrolled in 21st Century will not be responsible for completing homework, and will not be penalized if they do not turn in homework assignments. However, if students and/ or parents elect to work on homework that can occur after the main tutoring lesson, but will not count as a grade.

Additionally, this will allow teachers to focus on tutoring in math and ELA skills which align to the learning standards during the academic portion of the program. If you have additional questions please direct them to Ms. Susan Torres Bender.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Moriarty

Asst. Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction