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Dear Parent or Guardian of Grade 8 Students,

Bayonne High School Early College Academy

Bayonne High School will be welcoming its inaugural class of ***Early College Academy*** students in September 2020. Created in conjunction with Hudson Community College (HCCC), the ***Early College Academy*** at BHS provides the opportunity for select students to earn an ***Associate in Arts*** degree from Hudson County Community College while earning their high school diploma. As one of several the public high school in Hudson County to have this type of rigorous academic partnership with a public two-year college, Bayonne High School is excited about the future of our new academic partnership.

We invite you to attend an informative session on the ***Early College Academy*** on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Alexander X. O'Conner Auditorium in Bayonne High School.**

If your student is selected based on the *Accuplacer* criteria and wishes to enroll in the ***Early College Academy***, they will take all of their HCCC classes at Bayonne High School for the first two years. In their third year, they will travel to HCCC for half of their course work; for their fourth year, they will attend HCCC for the majority of their classes (Physical Education/Health will be taught at BHS). Transportation to and from Hudson County College will be provided by the Bayonne School District. There is currently no cost to the student.

We have developed a curriculum map to accommodate our students' interest in English, mathematics, science, social sciences and arts electives. This curriculum allows the students to earn appropriate credit for a high school diploma, meet the needs of four-year colleges, and earn an Associate in Arts degree from Hudson County Community College.

We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Alexander X. O'Conner Auditorium in Bayonne High School** where we will explain this amazing opportunity with you and your child.

Best regards,

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