



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

September 25, 2017

Dear Families and Staff,

Many of you have asked how we, as a community, can help the people of Texas and Florida. In response to the on-going devastation of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, I am pleased to announce that the New York City Department of Education is collecting donations for affected schools in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and other impacted areas. The funds will provide critical relief to students and their families – from school uniforms and supplies to toiletries and backpacks for students. Districts across the nation are coming together for this effort, and as the largest public school district in the nation, I know we can do our part to support these children.

The voluntary donations will be collected through the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and can be made by visiting the [Mayor's Fund Donation page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/fund/donate/donate.page) (<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/fund/donate/donate.page>), and selecting the options labeled:

**Please join the NYC Department of Education community in supporting critical aid and relief efforts for schools and students impacted by Hurricane Irma or Please join the NYC Department of Education community in supporting critical aid and relief efforts for schools and students impacted by Hurricane Harvey or Please join the NYC Department of Education community in supporting critical aid and relief efforts for schools and students impacted by Hurricane Maria**

New York City has always been a beacon of hope to the world. This is another moment when our spirit and generosity can lift the spirits of those in need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen Fariña".

Carmen Fariña  
Chancellor