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### Guidance Counseling Services at P.S. 39

Hello P.S. 39 families!

I am very excited to be working with you and your students for the 2020-2021 school year. I will be providing support for mandated and at-risk students, staff, families, and the community. If your child is mandated to receive these counseling services, here are some things you know:

- Guidance consists of working with students to assist them in developing academically, personally, and socially. My role is to help students to learn the skills and attitudes necessary to be successful learners and address social emotional and behavioral concerns as they may affect the student's academic performance.
- My mission as the School Counselor is to provide a comprehensive developmental school counseling program that assists students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers, and lifelong learners.
- I will primarily be working with students where counseling is mandated on their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and some students who are considered "at risk". If your child is not mandated to receive counseling services but you have concerns as they pertain to the academic environment, please discuss your concerns with your child's classroom teacher or reach out to me.
- I will be meeting with students in both group and individual settings to assist with a variety of concerns and problems such as building social skills, preventing bullying, body regulation, and focusing in the classroom.
- Another one of my roles will be assisting with the Middle School Application process.

Of course, this will not be a typical school year. I will be here to support your student and school community while we navigate COVID-19. At this time, I am still finalizing a schedule, and will be in touch with you for planning purposes. Counseling will be conducted remotely, safely distanced in-person, and as a hybrid. I appreciate your patience during this planning time.

I look forward to collaborating with the wonderful teachers, educators, and families here at P.S. 39 to support your student's success in the classroom. Please feel free to contact me with questions at [HShane@ps39.org](mailto:HShane@ps39.org) or (718) 330-9310 ext. 3001.

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\*Hello from a  
mask-less Ms. Shane!\*

