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Dear Families,

Our first priority is keeping students and staff safe. Yesterday there was an act of terror in lower Manhattan. This is a tragedy of the greatest magnitude and together as a City we mourn the loss of innocent New Yorkers.

The NYPD and FBI are conducting a thorough investigation. Today, the DOE will have additional guidance and trauma counselors available. Please contact your school's principal for additional guidance and support.

During this tragedy, a school bus was hit and two students and two staff members were injured. Every precaution was taken to ensure the safety of our students and staff and we are closely monitoring that situation.

We are grateful to the first responders who acted swiftly to secure school buildings in close proximity to the incident and we are so appreciative for all that they do to keep New Yorkers safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen Fariña'.

Chancellor  
Department of Education