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Mr. Brian Annello, Principal
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51-60 Marathon Parkway
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Dear Principal Annello:

As we all know, the school year is coming to a close soon. But that doesn't mean your students must stop learning or reading - they can participate in my Summer Reading Challenge for grades Pre-K through 8.

The challenge, while fun for the entire family, is a significant way to keep books in the hands of children throughout the summer months. The initiative helps combat the inevitable decrease in learning – known as the “summer slide” – that takes place when young people are not in school during the summer. The Summer Reading Challenge gives kids an opportunity to engage in a fun activity that will keep them learning and help to improve their vocabulary, spelling and reading skills. By encouraging our children to continue reading and exploring our libraries over the summer, we can better prepare them for the school year ahead and foster a lifelong enthusiasm for books.

To participate in the program, children must read for at least 15 minutes each day for 40 days throughout the months of July and August. They must mark off the days they read on a calendar and send it to my district office. Once received, participants will be rewarded with a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate and a Summer Reading Challenge bookmark in the mail.

I want to thank you in advance for participating in this important program. If you are interested, please contact my office at 718-357-3588 so that I can forward Summer Reading Challenge brochures and posters to your school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Braunstein", written in a cursive style.

Edward C. Braunstein
Member of Assembly

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