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Parent Involvement, College Prep & Safety are Focus of Weeklong Celebration of American Education Week

WHAT: The City School of Albany is celebrating American Education Week with a series of parent-involvement activities that range from college prep help for middle-school students and a public meeting about school safety to a Board of Education Roundtable focused on testing and assessment strategies. While Monday's NYGEAR UP kick off is only open to current 7th graders and their parents, events Tuesday through Thursday are open to the public. Report Card Pick Up Day for parents and students is Friday, November 18.

**WHEN/
WHERE:**

NYGEAR UP College Prep Kick Off—Monday, November 14, 5 to 8 p.m.

Albany High School, 700 Washington Ave.

Current 7th graders and their families are invited to take part in NYGEAR UP, a college prep program that includes college visits, career speakers, academic mentors, and more.

Safe Schools: It's Everybody's Responsibility—Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Philip Livingston Magnet Academy, 315 Northern Blvd.

The public is invited to this open forum to hear and respond to district strategies to address school safety.

Achieving Academic Success—Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Montessori Magnet School, 65 Tremont St.

This public event will include tips for how to help students "connect the dots K-12."

Board Roundtable; Report on Testing & Assessment—Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 to 9 p.m.

Stephen & Harriet Myers Middle School, 100 Elbel Ct.

Testing and assessment will be the focus of this Board of Education Roundtable meeting.

Report Card Pick Up Day—Friday, Nov. 18

All City School District of Albany elementary schools

Parents and guardians are invited to visit their children's schools to meet teachers and administrators and personally pick up their child's report card.

WHY: Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's schools, their children are more likely to succeed academically. The City School District of Albany is committed to the success of all students.

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The City School District of Albany serves almost 9,400 students in 19 elementary, middle and high schools. The district includes several magnet schools and programs, as well as other academic opportunities for students in addition to neighborhood schools. The district is more than halfway through its comprehensive facilities project to newly build and/or renovate nearly all of its elementary and middle schools. The ultimate goal of the facilities project is to provide schools with the resources necessary to help students succeed in the 21st Century.

For more information, please visit www.albanyschools.org, or call (518) 475-6000.