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4201 Schools Association

Cleary School
for the Deaf

Henry Viscardi
School

Lavelle School
for the Blind

Lexington School
for the Deaf

The New York Institute
for Special Education

New York School
for the Deaf

Rochester School
for the Deaf

St. Francis de Sales
School for the Deaf

St. Joseph's School
for the Deaf

St. Mary's School
for the Deaf

New York's Schools for Deaf, Blind and Severely Physically Disabled Welcome Students Back to School

The 4201 Schools Association, which serves students who are blind, deaf and severely physically disabled is welcoming back students to campus to begin the 2016-17 academic year.

The association's 10 member schools marked the occasion by releasing a [video](#), featuring the achievements of the Class of 2016 captioned and set to the song "See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth.

"Our students share their joy of learning each day - and our graduates persevere," said Dr. Bernadette Kappen, executive director of the New York Institute for Special Education, and chairwoman of the 4201 schools association. "In September we take the first step in the new year - and culminates in June with the celebration of the class of 2017. We are so proud to be able to document and share the meaningful educational milestones of our students, families, faculty and staff."

The first day of classes at various Association schools follows:

September 6:

- Cleary School for the Deaf (Nesconset, Suffolk County);
- Henry Viscardi School (Albertson, Nassau County);
- Lexington School for the Deaf (Queens, New York City); and
- St. Mary's School for the Deaf (Buffalo, Erie County).

September 7:

- Rochester School for the Deaf (Rochester, Monroe County); and
- St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (Brooklyn, New York City).

September 8:

- Lavelle School for the Blind (Bronx, New York City);
- New York Institute for Special Education (Bronx, New York City);
- New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood) (White Plains, Westchester County); and
- St. Joseph's School for the Deaf (Bronx, New York City).

The 4201 Schools Association represents 10 private, state-supported schools that serve blind, deaf or severely physically disabled students. The "4201 schools" are so known because of the section of New York State Education Law (§4201) that grants their funding. Students in 4201 schools receive a quality education in a supportive and challenging setting from teachers and staff with specialized training and experience. Students develop emotional, social and cognitive abilities that are crucial to their success. The schools also provide extracurricular activities, leadership opportunities and mentoring.

**We will be seen.
We will be heard.**

We will take a stand.