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Superintendent

Louise A. Spencer School

Karla Venezia, Principal



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Dear Louise A. Spencer Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope this letter finds you well-rested and excited for the academic journey ahead. As I begin my 8th year as principal and my 20th year proudly serving the Newark Public Schools, I am excited to welcome back our students and families and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth and success. At Louise A. Spencer Elementary School, we value your partnership and commitment to excellence. Our Core Values are: **L** - Leadership-Lead the Way! **I** - Integrity-Integrity Always! **O** - Opportunity-Own your learning **N** - Nurture-Nice Matters **S** - Success- Strive for Success

Key Information:

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 **School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Arrival and Dismissal Locations:

- **PreK-3rd Grade:** Somerset Street (center of building)
- **NBOE Bus Students:** Somerset Street (near Boys and Girls Club)
- **4th-8th Grade:** Muhammad Ali Avenue (left of main entrance)

Uniform Policy:

- **Daily:** Red shirt & black bottoms **P.E. Days:** Red t-shirt & black shorts/sweatpants

**Please note: Open-toe shoes and slides are not allowed.*

Registration, Enrollment and Lunch Application:

- To participate in school events, receive Chromebook agreements, and attend trips, all families must complete the Lunch Application and SchoolMint Re-Enrollment. Be sure to save your confirmation number. Also, please ensure your contact information is up to date in SchoolMint.

School Supplies & Summer Assignments:

- Supply lists are posted on the school website and will be shared by teachers
- **2026 Summer Reading Assignments are due on September 8, 2026**

Important Events:

- **Annual Meet & Greet:** September 2, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- **Back to School Night:** Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **After School Program and Tutoring** begin in September (details coming soon)
- **School Calendar:** School-Calendar-SY-2026-27

Stay Connected:

- Visit our website for regular updates and follow us on Instagram: @nps_laspencer

Need Assistance?

Contact the Main Office at (973) 733-6931/6932 or reach out to our Parent Liaison, Shauna Houston, at (973) 733-7117.

In Partnership,

Karla Venezia, Principal