



## Letter to Parents Concerning ZOOM

As we all know, the New York City Department of Education has asked all teachers to stop using ZOOM for face to face lessons as it presents a security concern for all students.

This past weekend, ZOOM has installed security measures which will prevent hackers from entering lessons. First, meeting coordinators (teachers) will need to invite participants from a “waiting room” to their session. Second, an additional ID number is added to each link.

The faculty of SMCA met again to discuss the concerns of some parents and evaluate what we are doing to ensure additional safety for our students. We compared Google Meets to ZOOM and still found that ZOOM had more security and was less risky for our students.

As we move on in the fourth week of distance learning, we will continue to use ZOOM for face to face lessons. However, the teachers will not record any lessons. This will prevent lessons from being accessed and used on various social media sites. It is also encouraging students to attend lessons and not rely on viewing the previously recorded session at their leisure.