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Dear MBK Colleagues,

As we approach a new normal, it is time to select and induct the class of 2021 MBK Fellows. The purpose of this communication is to give you the deadline for submission and give you things to consider when selecting your MBK Fellows.

For us to best plan on a dignified and memorable MBK Fellows induction, please submit the full names of your 2021 Fellows, their schools, and a headshot by 4PM, on Wednesday, **March 31, 2021**. We ask that you send this information electronically to [NYSMBK@nysed.gov](mailto:NYSMBK@nysed.gov). Include 2021 MBK Fellow in the subject line.

Also, in selecting your Fellows, look for students who have leadership ability and who would benefit from, and enhance the rich and ambitious Fellows Program. Additionally, MBK Fellows must be willing to commit to the year of rigorous Fellows programming. Since the number of Fellows per district is limited, it is important to select Fellows who are committed to faithful participation in the program to maximize the positive impact on your school community. Program activities for MBK Fellows include, but are not limited to, mentoring, mastermind book studies, presentations, college visits, college essay writing, and leadership training. Finally, developing service projects beneficial to the schools they attend and the communities they live in is the culmination of the Fellows' experience.

Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtful selection, prompt timely response, and all that you do for our students, their schools, their futures, and their communities.

Your Partner in Education,

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