Useful Links to Navigate Admissions Process

**A Better Chance**
Since 1963, A Better Chance has been the preeminent resource for identifying, recruiting and developing leaders among underrepresented young people of color throughout the United States. The oldest and only national organization of its kind, A Better Chance selects, prepares, places and supports high-performing middle and high school students of color in some of the most rigorous and prestigious independent day schools, boarding schools and public schools in the country.

**Association to Benefit Children**
Founded in 1986, the Association to Benefit Children (ABC) provides families with education, housing, health, and employment services. ABC serves the whole child, whole family, and whole community with their extensive wraparound services centered in East Harlem, South Bronx, and schools throughout Manhattan.

**Coalition for Asian American Children & Families**
Coalition for Asian American Children & Families (CACF) is the nation’s only pan-Asian children and families’ advocacy organization bringing together community-based organizations as well as youth and community allies to fight for equity for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). Their work includes advocacy for better childcare, health care, after-school programs, and prevention services.

**Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE)**
This organization’s mission is to empower independent schools, through a network of educators who provide expert support, to inspire ethical thinking, a sense of purpose, and a commitment to building character while advancing the values of empathy, service, equity, and justice.

**Early Steps**
Early Steps is a program that promotes multiracial diversity within Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY).

**Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Educational Network**
This is an organization for students, parents, and teachers that strives to assure that each member of every community is assured a safe place regardless of sexual orientation.

**Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York**
The Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY) is a non-profit organization of admissions directors and heads of schools which assists in the admission process for applicants and their families. ISAAGNY’s website includes information on selecting
schools, making application decisions, testing, tuition, and financial aid, among other aspects of the admissions process.

**Jack and Jill of America**
The oldest African American family organization, established in 1938, aims to improve the quality of life for African American children. With over 200 chapters throughout the United States, and two chapters in Nigeria and West Africa, Jack and Jill provides constructive, educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational, and social programs, and supports National legislation aimed at bettering the condition of all children.

**National Association of Independent Schools**
The mission of the National Association of Independent Schools is to serve and strengthen its member schools and associations by "articulating and promoting high standards of educational quality and ethical behavior; to work to preserve their independence to serve the free society from which that independence derives; to advocate broad access for students by affirming the principles of diversity, choice, and opportunity." NAIS represents over 1,100 independent schools (including NBS) and associations in the United States and abroad and offers a broad variety of services to its member schools and associations. The NAIS web site is a good source for general information on independent schools.

**National Parent Education Network**
National Parent Education Network (NPENN) provides to families/parents the information, resources and support needed to provide a nurturing relationship and an optimal environment that will encourage their children’s health, growth, and development.

**The New York State Association of Independent Schools**
The New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) is the accrediting agency for New York State independent schools, including St. Luke’s School. NYSAIS provides resources for families at or considering independent schools, including admissions and financial aid information, summer camps and programs information, and specific resources for families of color.

**NYC-Parents in Action**
NYC-Parents in Action is a non-profit volunteer organization founded by parents committed to the belief that effective communication, parent to parent and parent to child, is vital to the healthy development of young adults capable of making sound choices. NYC-PIA provides education, information and a communication network to inform parents about social and developmental issues, including substance abuse prevention. Their tag line is, “Be Involved, Be Informed, Be Connected”.

**Parents League of New York**
The Parents League is a non-profit organization of parents and independent schools offering all families with children, toddlers through teens, current information on education, entertainment and enrichment opportunities.

**Prep for Prep**
One of New York's most successful programs for identifying intellectually gifted and motivated public-school students from minority group backgrounds and preparing them for entry into independent college preparatory day and boarding schools. Prep for Prep’s mission is to develop
future leaders by creating access for young people of color to first-rate educational, leadership development and professional advancement opportunities.

**ProQuest**
This site has sections devoted to people in all areas of education: students, teachers, parents, and library media specialists. Users can search for homework help on a specific subject in Homework Central, while parents can tap into Homework Central’s parent resource center.

**RIISE: Resources in Independent School Education**
RIISE helps families of color and independent school culture build inclusive and equitable communities that thrive. The nationally recognized strategic lifestyle network promotes the interests of families of color at multiple levels to impact equity and inclusion. RIISE is culturally specific and responsive to families of color, young scholars of color, and the strategic plans of independent school communities by delivering roadmaps for academic, social and emotional success. RIISE offers families an essential toolkit to help manage the success and challenge of building upon and creating educational legacy in independent schools.