To: President of the City College of New York, Vincent Boudreau
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Subject: All teachers should use Blackboard

I believe that all teachers should use Blackboard for their assignments and test grades. As a student in CCNY it can be very hard to keep track of assignments when I have to constantly look back and forth between pieces of paper and Blackboard. Many students at CCNY have the same problem. Teachers would assign some work on paper and other work online. It becomes an inconsistent system that becomes inefficient for both students and teachers.

After a class ends I would ask my fellow classmates how they feel about an upcoming assignment. Most of them said that it would be nice if the teacher posted some of the information that they said in class on Blackboard. Students have a set schedule every semester and some of us do not have the time to sit in class for another fifteen minutes waiting for the teacher to finish what they have to say about an assignment that is due the next time they meet. Also classes only meet once or twice a week which means there is not that much time for students to get all the necessary materials for the assignment. If the materials were on Blackboard then it is easier to find everything and it can save time for students in class. Another issue is that some students have jobs or even personal emergencies that can affect their attendance on certain days of the week. Therefore, the student would miss the notes or materials given out on that day. Blackboard is very easy to use and a really useful resource that is being underused by teachers. Although it may affect student attendance in class, it would be great if students were able to review the notes of the lesson on that day. An ongoing issue that I personally have a problem with is organization. Using Blackboard would create a more efficient system that would eliminate room for error. Having a constant back and forth between paper and online can cause confusion in due dates. Having a resource like Blackboard makes it so much easier for students to find new announcements or assignments in their classes.

Blackboard is easy to navigate compared to piles of paper that teachers would give out during class. Everything on the site is organized in an efficient manner. Students can see announcements that are made by the teacher that has something to do with a future lecture, teachers can post content that pertains to an assignment, and Blackboard keeps track with upcoming due dates. It is an incredible resource for students that teachers do not utilize daily. A constant update of what direction the class is going at the least would be great for students at CCNY. It would be much appreciated if teachers were able to use Blackboard for the convenience of their students that are trying to earn their degrees. You can contact me at khahn0405@gmail.com.

Cordially,
        Kenneth Hahn