

# KEEP THE PROMISES!

- To build more schools**
- To fund full-day Pre-Kindergarten**
- To lower class size**
- To improve middle schools**
- To expand English Language Learners programs**
- To keep after-school programs and tutoring services**

The Keep The Promises Coalition of parents, educators, education advocates, civic groups, community organizations, clergy and labor unions calls upon the City and the State to protect New York City public schools from \$700 million in cuts by:

- Restoring \$193 million in funds to lower class size, improve middle schools and English language learner instruction, keep after-school programs and provide other school supports.
- Restoring school building aid.
- Reversing the \$100 million midyear budget cut to city schools, which has resulted in the elimination of after-school and weekend programs, tutoring services, textbooks and instructional supplies, extracurricular programs and safety supports along with higher class sizes. OPEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BOOKS INSTEAD. Cut consultants, no-bid contracts and excessive testing procedures and do whatever it takes to make sure budget cuts do not hurt children or core classroom services.
- Reversing \$324 million in school cuts proposed in the 2009 city budget.

**We may face uncertain economic times ahead, but this much is certain:  
We must keep the promises to our kids.**

**Call your elected representatives and urge them to Keep The Promises and oppose the budget cuts. You can reach them at the following numbers:**

**Call your state representatives at this toll-free number: 1-877-255-9417 and give your zip code.**

**Call your New York City Council Member at: 1-212-788-7100.**

## **RALLY AT CITY HALL**

**March 19 • 4:00 p.m.**

Members of the Keep The Promises Coalition include Campaign for Fiscal Equity; Alliance for Quality Education; Council of School Supervisors and Administrators; United Federation of Teachers; Hispanic Federation of New York State; New York City Central Labor Council; ACORN; Education Voters of New York; New York City Coalition for Education Justice; New York Immigration Coalition; UNITE HERE; SEIU Local 32-BJ, New York Immigration Coalition; NAACP Metropolitan Council; El Centro de la Hospitalidad; Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Coalition for Asian American Children; representatives of the Chancellor's Parents Advisory Committee; Advocates for Children; the Center for Arts Education; Coalition for Educational Excellence for English Language Learners; Make the Road by Walking New York; New Settlement Parent Action Committee; Crotona Committee to Stop the Violence; Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition; South Brooklyn Youth Consortium Inc.; Coalition for Asian American Children and Families; Highbridge Community Life Center; National Center for Schools and Communities, Cypress Hills Advocates for Education; Working Families Party; Citizen Action of New York; Coalition for After School Funding; Time Out From Testing; Class Size Matters.

# ¡CUMPLAN LAS PROMESAS!

**Para construir más escuelas**

**Para tener Pre-Kindergarten a día completo**

**Para reducir el tamaño de clases**

**Para mejorar las escuelas intermedias**

**Para ampliar programas a los que aprenden inglés**

**Para mantener tutoría y programas para después de clases**

La Coalición Cumplan las Promesas, compuesta por padres, educadores, defensores de la educación, grupos cívicos, organizaciones comunitarias, líderes religiosos y los sindicatos, piden a la Ciudad y al Estado proteger a las escuelas públicas de la Ciudad de Nueva York de los recortes de \$700 millones:

- Restaurando \$193 millones en fondos para reducir el tamaño de clases, mejorar las escuelas intermedias, y enseñanza a estudiantes que aprenden inglés, mantener programas para después de clases y proveer otros recursos de apoyo a las escuelas.
- Restaurando el presupuesto para la construcción de escuelas.
- Reversando el recorte de \$100 millones impuesto a medio año a las escuelas de la ciudad, el cual ha resultado en la eliminación de los programas de fin de semana o para después de clases, servicios de tutoría, libros de texto y efectos de instrucción, programas extracurriculares y apoyos de seguridad, en adición a tamaño de clases agrandados. ABRAN EN CAMBIO LAS CUENTAS DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACIÓN. Eliminen consultores, los contratos sin subasta y procesos excesivos de exámenes, y hagan lo necesario para asegurar que los recortes no afectarán a los niños ni los servicios básicos en el salón de clase.
- Reversando \$324 millones en recortes escolares propuestos en el Presupuesto de la Ciudad para 2009.

**Podremos enfrentar tiempos económicos difíciles, pero esto sigue siendo cierto:**

**Debemos cumplir la promesa a nuestros niños.**

Llame a sus representantes electos y pida que Cumplan las Promesas y se opongan a los recortes de presupuesto. Puede llamarlos a los siguientes números:

Llame a sus representantes estatales a esta línea gratis: 1-877-255-9417 (indique su código postal).

Llame a su concejal de la Ciudad de Nueva York: 1-212-788-7100.

## MANIFESTACIÓN EN LA ALCALDÍA

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