

SCHOOLS, NOT JAILS

#FREEnewyork #SchoolsNotJails

**It's time to invest in
education, not incarceration.**

THE FACTS:

80 percent of incarcerated people have
dropped out of high school.



In New York schools, there are **more
police than guidance counselors and
social workers combined.**



**New York State spends \$69,355 on each
incarcerated person per year
on average.**



**Either we invest in our schools now, or
pay the costs of incarceration later.**

INVEST IN EQUITY

Parents and families want our children to have access to high quality academic opportunities, social and emotional supports, full access to arts, music, physical education, and after-school enrichment programs like sports and other extracurricular activities. For far too long students in Black, Brown and low income communities have been systemically underfunded and denied access to these opportunities. **It's time to end the record inequality in education funding in New York that perpetuates a widening opportunity gap.**

We need to equip our schools to meet the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students – guidance counselors, social workers, school psychologists, restorative justice coordinators, and school staff trained in trauma informed care. We need culturally responsive curricula along with anti-racism and anti-bias training.

New York State's students have a right to a quality education. **We demand that a real investment is made in our public schools.**

WE NEED TO INVEST IN:



**SAFE &
SUPPORTIVE
SCHOOLS**



**CULTURALLY
RESPONSIVE
EDUCATION**



**CAMPAIGN
FOR FISCAL
EQUITY**

Education justice requires adequate and equitably distributed funding for our public schools. New York State has a funding formula that was created out of the demand for equity and adequacy. It is time that the state fully funds the Foundation Aid formula and fulfills the Campaign for Fiscal Equity court ruling.

BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FY 2019-20

SCHOOL AID INCREASE: \$2.46 BILLION

FOUNDATION AID: \$1.6 billion in Foundation aid this year and a three year phase-in of the full Foundation Aid owed and the adjustments recommended by the Board of Regents for equity and to further meet the needs of English Language Learners.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATION: \$50 million to implement a statewide Culturally Responsive Education program. Enact state legislation to guarantee Culturally Responsive Education is mandated in all schools across the state.

SCHOOL CLIMATE: \$50 million to implement positive climate strategies and practices that break the school-to-prison pipeline. Enact the New York State Safe and Supportive Schools Bill (Sponsored by Assemblymember Nolan & Senator Montgomery).

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: Invest \$100 million for sustainable Community Schools.

PRE-K: Invest \$150 million to expand quality full day Pre-K.

ADULT LEARNING: Invest \$15.3m in NYSED Funding for Adult Literacy Education (ALE) (maintain last year's \$7.8m investment and increase ALE by \$7.5 million).

EXPENSE BASED AIDS: \$410 million is needed for the annual increase in costs of special education services, transportation, textbooks, technology, building aid, BOCES & Special Services, consolidation of pre-k programs and other reimbursable expense based aids.

CHILD CARE

\$100 million to expand Child Care access.