State law mandates that local school districts pay tuition to charter schools in that district. State law also mandates that local school districts increase the per pupil tuition they pay by as much as their own spending per pupil increases.

In New York City, almost 119,551 (11%) students attend charter schools. About one million students attend traditional public schools.

The Executive budget will require the New York City Department of Education to send charter schools an additional $150 million. The ballooning cost of charter schools is costing the city billions.

Public schools serve twice as many English Language Learners than charter schools, more students with severe disabilities, and more students in deep poverty.

The continued mandate to give public dollars to charter schools sabotages the success of public school students, as it takes away resources for services and programs they need.

We need to prioritize fully funding Foundation Aid for our public schools, where the overwhelming majority of our students get their education, instead of continuing the give-aways to charter schools.

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*Proposed increase by the Executive budget proposal  
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