

NEW YORK CITY'S PLAN FOR HOW TO SPEND FEDERAL AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS OUT.

NOW WHAT?

New York City schools are slated to receive an additional \$4.4 billion in state and federal aid. All districts were required to publicly post their spending plans for this new funding on or before July 1.

With nearly 700 school districts in New York State, we need your help to determine whether YOUR district's plan adequately addresses the needs and demands of families, educators and students in your community.

HOW DOES NEW YORK CITY'S PLAN MEASURE UP?

You can review New York City's spending plan on the district's website by [clicking here](#).

What's included, and what's missing

+ Support Staff and Mental Health

\$80 M for Social-Emotional & Mental Health Support

+ Smaller Class Sizes

Targeted class size reduction achieved through hiring approximately 140 teachers in 72 higher need elementary schools

+ Technology

\$122M for Increasing Technological Supports and additional investments in a one-stop digital learning hub

+ Infrastructure

\$70M for Accessibility & Infrastructure Work to ensure school buildings are safe and accessible to students

+ Summer Programs & Accelerated Learning

\$350M in funding to support academic recovery, with a focus on early literacy, the arts, and multilingual learner recovery work, and \$100 M for Summer Rising to prepare students and families for school reopening in SY 2021-22

+ Community Schools

\$10 M to bring the total number of Community Schools to over 400 (in every district)

+ Anti-racism/restorative practices

\$12 M for Expansion of Restorative Justice Programs

- Recruit & retain diverse staff

+ Culturally responsive & sustaining education

\$202M to develop Universal Mosaic Curriculum, a rigorous, inclusive, and affirming curriculum by Fall 2023

- Broad & Continual Community Engagement



LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO ►

STEP 1 REVIEW THE PLAN WITH YOUR COMMUNITY



Meet with parents and community members to review and discuss your district's plan. Together, identify the top three initiatives that your district is investing in. You can list them below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

STEP 2 TAKE ACTION

Share your community's feedback and concerns with your local school district's decision makers. Remember to report back on the meeting with district leaders to community members that are not able to attend.

For each of the programs you identified in Step 1, use the questions below as a guide for what to ask district leaders during the meeting.

- How many students will this program serve?
- When do you expect to roll out this program?
- How will you measure the effectiveness of this program?

In addition, consider the below questions to evaluate your district's plan:

- Are there any strategic investments missing from your district's plan? If yes, inform district leaders of what essential programs are missing.
- Do you want the district to reallocate resources from another program to support this initiative? If yes, please explain.



MEET WITH THE CHANCELLOR & DOE

Use this [sample letter](#) to request a meeting with the Chancellor and Department of Education.



SPEAK UP AT A CEC MEETING

Check your local district website to find the date of the next Community Education Council meeting.



ORGANIZE A PTA/PTO MEETING

Use these [step-by-step instructions](#) to organize a PTA or PTO meeting.

STEP 3 BUILD PUBLIC SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

Organize an [education town hall](#) for your community to learn about the district's funding plan.

Write an [op-ed](#) in your local newspaper about how you and your community want this funding to be spent.

Organize a [press conference](#) to bring attention to the issues in your local community.

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