

MARCHING THE PATH TO EDUCATION JUSTICE IN 2025



Public education has always been central to the fight for civil rights and remains a battleground for liberation. Education justice is about dismantling longstanding inequities and building a society where every child has the resources they need to succeed.

Here's how we are fighting for education justice in 2025:

TOP PRIORITIES

Foundation Aid

The Foundation Aid formula is outdated, relying on 20-year-old data. It fails to reflect the unique challenges faced by students with special needs, those experiencing housing insecurity, and particularly Black, brown, and immigrant children, as well as students in low-income communities. **We demand updates that ensure no district loses funding and that every child receives the support they need. Cost: Expected increase for FY26 under current law \$1.4 billion.**

Universal Child Care

Early care and education is a right, not a privilege. It's essential for family stability and our economy, yet early childhood educators earn poverty wages, and access remains limited for low-income families. As a result, parents can't afford to pay more for child care, and programs can't afford to charge less. **We demand fair compensation for child care workers and expanded access to affordable child care for all families,** specifically:

- \$1.2 billion investment to increase compensation for child care workers
- Guarantee assistance for families earning less than 250% of the federal poverty line
- Enhanced reimbursement rates for children with special needs

Cost: \$1.6 billion.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

End Jim Crow Education in East Ramapo

Systemic racism has left Black and Latinx students in East Ramapo without adequate resources and representation. The reforms outlined in A10407 address critical needs like infrastructure, bilingual education, and systemic inequities, empowering public school families and ending racist governance practices. **We demand the immediate implementation of reforms to end these inequities in East Ramapo's school system.**

Solutions Not Suspensions (A118/S134)

This bill mandates restorative practices as alternatives to punitive suspensions, which disproportionately harm Black, brown, and LGBTQIA+ students. Restorative practices are proven to keep students in classrooms and engaged in learning. **We demand the passage of the Solution Not Suspensions Act and funding for educator training to reduce exclusionary practices. Cost: \$5 million for educator training.**

EARLY CARE & LEARNING

Universal Pre-K

Pre-K is a proven strategy for equity, yet funding inequities persist. We call for raising per-child rates to \$10,000, increasing teacher pay in community-based programs, and aligning funding with K-12 levels. High quality pre-K ensures better outcomes for children and working families alike. **We demand increased funding for Universal Pre-K that ensures equitable access for all children. Cost: \$25 million.**

REVENUES

Make Billionaires Pay Their Fair Share

Ensuring every child has access to education and child care requires bold action. New York's tax system disproportionately favors the wealthy, starving working communities of much-needed resources. Through the Invest in Our New York campaign, we call on lawmakers to pass measures ensuring billionaires and highly profitable corporations pay their fair share to fund public schools and early learning programs. **We demand fair tax policies that prioritize the needs of New York's children and communities.**



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