



## COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30

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### RESOLUTION #165

#### IN SUPPORT OF LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS

**WHEREAS**, Two New York City parents and two teachers filed a lawsuit Monday, July 18, 2022, seeking to overturn the City Council's approval of the city budget, which cut hundreds of millions of dollars from school budgets for this upcoming academic year<sup>i</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit — filed against New York City, the education department, and schools Chancellor David Banks — claims that city officials failed to follow the proper protocols before elected officials voted on the final budget, which took effect July 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the plaintiffs also want a temporary restraining order on implementation of the budget cuts, and city schools funded at the same levels as last fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit claims that the city skirted proper protocols by failing to allow the Panel for Educational Policy, or PEP — a largely mayoral appointed board that approves major contracts and policies — to approve the department's estimated budget before it went to City Council for a final vote; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2022, Judge Lyle E. Frank ruled that the city's budgeting process for schools violated state law, granting a preliminary injunction and authorizing the New York City Council and the Mayor of the City of New York to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 New York City budget for education<sup>ii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, this ruling would allow officials to renegotiate the education budget<sup>iii</sup> and potentially restore the budget cuts of approximately \$469 million in Fair Student Funding cut from school budgets for FY23<sup>iv</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, per Galaxy Allocation data as of July 14, 2022, in District 30, we are facing cuts which approximate \$42.6 million which represents an average of \$853 thousand per school<sup>v</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, per Galaxy Allocation data, the three schools with the highest cuts in our district are PS 111, PS 92, and IS 227; and

**WHEREAS**, PS 111 which serves a student population of 95% economically disadvantaged, 13% English Language Learners, 29% Disability, and 24% in Temporary Housing is facing \$1.8

million in cuts, representing a 27% decrease in funding, which does not correlate to the 5 year change in enrollment of 15% growth as of Fall 2021 data; and

**WHEREAS**, PS 92 which serves a student population of 82% economically disadvantaged, 25% English Language Learners, 19% Disability, and 1% in Temporary Housing is facing \$1.7 million in cuts, representing a 13% decrease in funding, which does not correlate to the 5 year change in enrollment of 1% decline as of Fall 2021 data; and

**WHEREAS**, IS 227 which serves a student population of 66% economically disadvantaged, 7% English Language Learners, 15% Disability, and 5% in Temporary Housing is facing \$1.6 million in cuts, representing a 10% decrease in funding, which does not correlate to the 5 year change in enrollment of 2% decline as of Fall 2021 data; and

**WHEREAS**, in District 30, we serve the largest public housing development in North America<sup>vi</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, Black and Latinx students make up 59% of K–8 students; 72% of District 30 students qualify for free and reduced price lunch; 20% of students in District 30 are English-language learners; 16% of D30 students have IEPs; and 7% of students in D30 live in temporary housing, making these cuts extremely detrimental to our district.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Community Education Council for District 30 asks Mayor Eric Adams to work with the City Council to restore the approximately \$469 million in Fair Student Funding cut from the New York City Department of Education Budget, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Community Education Council for District 30 stands in solidarity with the plaintiffs named in this lawsuit and ask that further accountability measures be put in place to prevent an abuse of authority from happening.

**VOTED AND APPROVED: August 8, 2022**

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<sup>i</sup> <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/6/24/23181576/ny-budget-cuts-fair-student-funding-principals-enrollment-adams>

<sup>ii</sup> [https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=IjbbRyhsSnDWANL8JwDH\\_PLUS\\_w=≡](https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=IjbbRyhsSnDWANL8JwDH_PLUS_w=≡)

<sup>iii</sup> <https://gothamist.com/news/judge-rules-nyc-schools-budget-process-violated-state-law-orders-a-redo>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/comptrollers-fiscal-year-end-analysis-shows-city-has-funds-to-fully-reverse-cuts-to-school-budgets-and-increase-deposits-to-rainy-day-fund/>

<sup>v</sup> <https://classsizematters.org/total-galaxy-school-cuts-as-of-july-14-now-at-1-42-billion/>

<sup>vi</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queensbridge\\_Houses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queensbridge_Houses)