



Restore Education Programs in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) has been using temporary federal COVID-19 relief funds and one-year city funding to pay for critical education programs and help address the needs of students and families. We appreciate that Mayor Adams' Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget includes around \$600M to continue many of these initiatives, including school social workers and psychologists, coordinators working in homeless shelters, Learning to Work, bilingual supports, and more. However, other essential programs were left out of the budget or did not see a full restoration of current funding levels.

The following are at risk of being rolled back or eliminated as soon as this July due to expiring federal or city funds or proposed budget cuts:

3-K & PRE-K

While the Executive Budget includes \$92M in one-year funding for 3-K and Pre-K to make up for the loss of federal dollars, a funding gap of **\$170M** remains due to proposed city budget cuts.

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

The investments in preschool special education in the Mayor's budget are a step in the right direction, but they do not represent a full restoration (**\$13M** gap) and are insufficient to meet the need, given the ongoing shortage of seats in legally required preschool special education classes.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The City invested **\$12M** in expiring federal funds in restorative justice practices, allowing more schools to use alternatives to exclusionary discipline. The Executive Budget does not include any funding to sustain this work.

MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM

This cross-agency initiative, which is supported by **\$5M** in one-year city funding that was left out of the Mayor's FY 2025 budget, is helping students at 50 high-needs schools access expedited mental healthcare.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Community schools provide students and their families with wrap-around supports and services, such as after-school programming and medical, dental, and mental healthcare. While the Executive Budget includes a partial restoration of funding for community schools, there is still a **\$14M** gap due to expiring one-year city funding.

IMMIGRANT FAMILY COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

This city-funded initiative strengthens NYCPS's communication with immigrant families, many of whom would otherwise be left without important information. Though more important than ever, its **\$4M** budget is on the chopping block.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTERS

NYCPS is using **\$3.3M** in expiring federal stimulus funds to support Student Success Centers in 34 high schools, where trained youth leaders build a culture of college-going in their schools and help their peers with the college admissions process.

SCHOOL NURSES

Before the pandemic, at least 137 schools serving 70,000 students did not have a school nurse. NYCPS is currently using **\$65M** in federal funds to enable every school building to have a nurse, but this funding runs dry in June.

We appreciate that the City Council called for funding for each of these programs in its response to the preliminary budget. The final budget must include funding to sustain these vital supports and services.

The Mayor’s Executive Budget includes the following investments to continue education programs currently supported by expiring federal stimulus dollars—though some programs received only a one-year reprieve and should be baselined in the final budget.

	AMOUNT	SOURCE
FUNDED FOR FY 2025 ONLY		
3-K	\$92M	One-year City funding
Summer Rising	\$80M	One-year City funding
Arts programming	\$41M	One-year City funding
Learning to Work	\$31M	One-year City funding
Sensory Exploration, Education & Discovery (SEED)	\$19M	NY State Ed. Dept. grant
Affinity organization contracts	\$10M	One-year City funding
New Visions data portal	\$9M	One-year City funding
BASELINED FUNDING		
Preschool special education	\$83M	State funding
School social workers and psychologists	\$74M	State funding
Community schools	\$56M	State funding
Career pathways programs	\$53M	State funding
Public Schools Athletic League	\$27M	State funding
100 Shelter-based community coordinators	\$17M	State funding
Literacy and dyslexia programming	\$17M	State funding
Bilingual programming	\$10M	State funding
Translation and interpretation services	\$6M	State funding