

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome from the Office of Council Member Kevin C. Riley.

We are excited to have you join us this evening. If you have any questions, we encourage you to please write them down on the provided post-cards so we can share them during the Q&A at the end of the presentation. If you need assistance, please check in with a Team Riley staff member so we can assist you.

Thank you.

Team Riley



**NORTHEAST BRONX YMCA
SEPTEMBER 20TH 2023**

EDUCATION TOWN HALL



TODAY'S TOPICS

- The School Year Ahead & DOE Updates
- The Importance of Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Project PIVOT
- Education Supplemental Services
- Education Advocacy
- City Council Funding Overview
- Preview: FY25 Participatory Budgeting
- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Office Events
- Q&A



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The Year Ahead



**Department of
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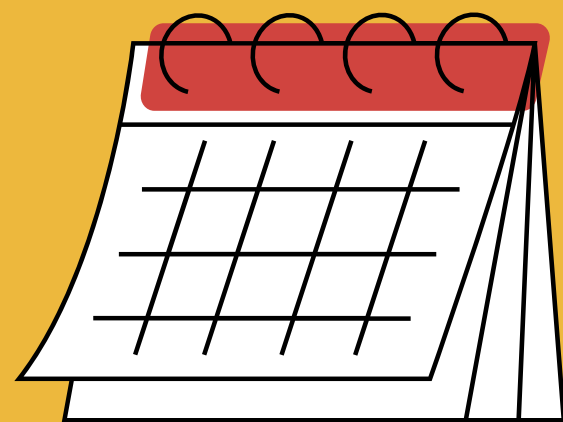
Myishia Taylor-Myke

**DOE
Updates**

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are essential as they provide a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to collaborate in supporting a child's education. These meetings enable parents to gain insights into their child's academic progress, social development, and behavior in a structured setting, fostering a strong home-school partnership. Additionally, they allow teachers to receive valuable input from parents about their child's unique needs and strengths, facilitating tailored educational plans for better student outcomes.

2022/23 PTC Schedule



SEPTEMBER

15TH: Elementary & Pre-K
(evening)
22ND: Middle School & D75
(evening)
29TH: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(evening)

NOVEMBER

3RD: Elementary
(afternoon & evening)
9TH: Middle School & D75
(afternoon & evening)
17TH: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(evening)
18TH: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(afternoon)

MARCH

9TH: Elementary & Pre-K
(afternoon & evening)
16TH: Middle School & D75
(afternoon & evening)
23RD: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(evening)
24TH: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(afternoon)

MAY

4TH: Elementary & Pre-K
(evening)
11TH: Middle School & D75
(evening)
18TH: High School, K-12 & 6-12
(evening)

Fia Davis

Cristine Vaughan

PROJECT PIVOT

Purpose Integrity Voice Optimism Tenacity

Project PIVOT is a new initiative where the Department of Education has contracted non-profits to provide curated services that help youth develop skills.



Purpose

Participants examine themselves & explore new possibilities to identify true passions in their lives & to turn obstacles they have faced into opportunities for growth.

Integrity

Participants are expected to have strong moral principles & be upstanding citizens in their school & home communities.

Voice

Participants voices are elevated to articulate the challenges young people are facing, & after being trained, are provided opportunities to demonstrate their leadership abilities by speaking on behalf of their peers to make systematic changes in their communities they feel are needed.

Optimism

Participants have a sense of hopefulness & confidence about their future goals & aspirations.

Tenacity

Pivot participants are persistent in the pursuit of their goals & will possess the mental & moral strength to resist opposition, danger, or hardship with a courageous conviction in themselves.

Aaron Barnette



Project PIVOT Overview

Bronx Integrity

*Office of Safety and Prevention
Partnerships*

Mission

The mission of **Project PIVOT** is to provide supplemental supports to students through expanded learning opportunities provided by grassroots Community-Based Organizations at schools in need for the purpose of increasing viable options and providing safe and productive programming that helps students to identify their **Purpose**, reinforces **Integrity**, elevates youth **Voice**, supports with **Optimism**, and encourages passion driven **Tenacity**.

Project PIVOT

The Project PIVOT Initiative provides funding to schools to engage community-based organizations to provide **direct service** programming that drive positive change in their respective school communities. Direct service options include:

- **Safety and Violence Prevention**
- **Academic and Attendance Support**
- **Mentoring and Counseling**
- **Career and Leadership Development**
- **Enrichment through Arts, Recreation, and/or Music**
- **Family Support Services**

Objectives

Academic
promotion/graduation

Increase daily
attendance

Decrease
behavioral
incidents

Increase student
leadership
opportunities

Pilot Year in Review

- 144 schools in pilot year (2022-23)
 - Over 75% of the schools identified were located on campuses
 - Emphasis on high schools
 - 142 Community Based Organizations
 - Early successes
- Year two expansion
 - GVPTF alignment
 - Precincts/Districts
 - Elementary, Middle school
- Anticipate directly serving up to 7,500-12,500 students in SY 2023-24

PIVOT Nation - 250 Schools

Collectively bound together by the pillars of the initiative:

Manhattan Purpose

Bronx Integrity

Brooklyn Voice

Queens Optimism



Staten Island Tenacity

SY 2023-24: 78 schools

District 7: Six schools

District 8: Eight schools

District 9: Twelve schools

District 10: Nine schools

District 11: Thirty-five schools

District 12: Seven schools

District 79: One school

PIVOT Schools in the North Bronx

District 11

P.S. 068
Pelham Preparatory Academy
Bronx High School for Writing and Communication Arts
MS 181
High School of Computers and Technology
Bronx Academy of Health Careers
P.S. 087 Bronx
CORNERSTONE ACADEMY FOR SOCIAL ACTION MIDDLE SCHOOL (CASA)
The Bronxwood Preparatory Academy
Collegiate Institute for Math & Science
Bronxdale High School
Bronx River High School
Cornerstone Academy for Social Action
Schuylerville Preparatory High School
Bronx Aerospace High School
Leaders of Tomorrow Middle School
P.S. 021 Philip H. Sheridan
High School of Language and Innovation
Bronx Health Sciences High School
P.S. 111 Seton Falls
BAYCHESTER ACADEMY
Harry S Truman HS
P.S. 078 Anne Hutchinson
North Bronx School of Empowerment
The Matilda Avenue School
MS 180
High School For Contemporary Arts
P.S. 041 Gun Hill Road
New World High School
One World Middle School at Edenwald
Renaissance High School
Astor Collegiate Academy
Bronx Lab School
Baychester Middle School
Bronx Alliance Middle School

District 12

Metropolitan Soundview HS
Bronx Envisions Academy
Explorations Academy
Cinema School
Metropolitan HS
Wings Academy HS
Bronx Career and College Prep

School Allocation

- **Secure direct professional services for students**
 - **Incentives/Trips**
 - **Per session funds for School Coordinator**
- **Professional Development opportunities will be considered upon request. Services for educators must result in direct services being delivered to students**

PIVOTAL Supports

- **Project PIVOT Borough Coordinators**
 - Marlon Greer
 - Christopher Davis
- **Scholar Athletes in Leadership (SAIL)-Grades 3-8**
 - Raymond Haskins, Director
 - Rodney Plummer, Associate Director
- **Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Program-Grades 9-12**
 - Jophrane Ligonde, Director
- **Legal Advisor**
 - Michael Francis, Esq.
- **Mentoring and Strategic Initiatives**
 - Darlene Walker-Mungin, Director
 - Renee Mintz, Program Associate
- **Gang Prevention and Intervention Unit (GPIU)**
 - Christian Claudio, Director
- **My Brother's/Sister's Keeper (MBSK)**
 - George Patterson, Senior Director
 - Mahaliel Bethea, Director
- **Sr. Director of Parent Engagement & CBO Partnership**
 - Robert Robinson

Ecosystem of Support

- **Administration**
- **Teachers**
- **Parents**
- **Community Based Organization/partner**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Attendance Coordinator**
- **Guidance Counselor**
- **Parent Coordinator**
- **Entire staff, grade teams**
- **OSPP/OSYD/District Team**

Bronx Borough Coordinators

Marlon Greer---Cohort one

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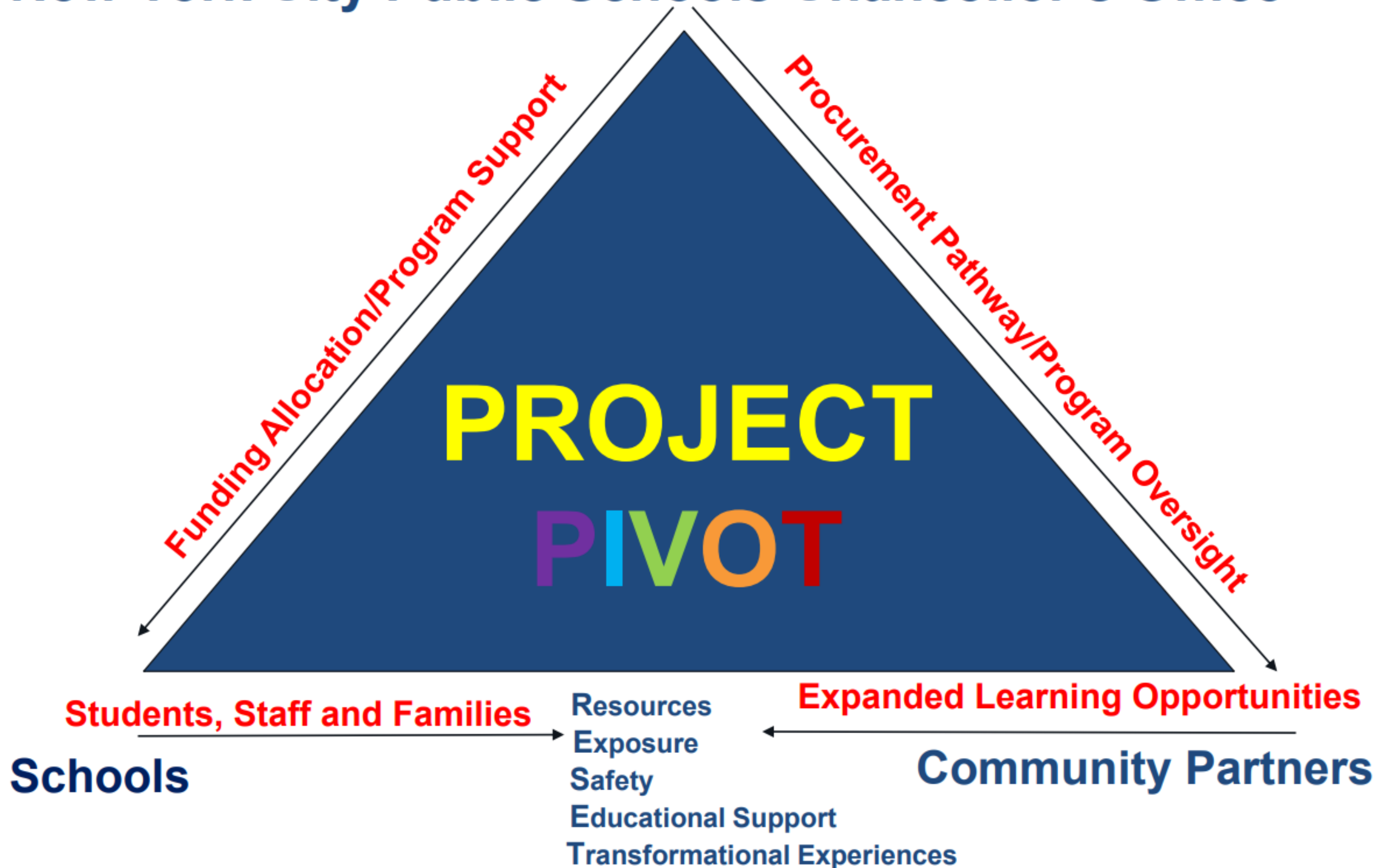
929-627-5269

Christopher Davis—Cohort two

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New York City Public Schools Chancellor's Office



OSPP/OSYD Support

E-mail: ProjectPivot@schools.nyc.gov

Project Lead:

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Safety and Prevention Partnerships

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Phone: 646-276-3807



SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

Advocates for Children of New York runs the **Jill Chaifetz Education Helpline** available to families for them to ask questions regarding educational needs, and receive information and referrals. They cover topics such as education rights, discrimination issues, and disability needs.

This free helpline is available at **(866) 427-6033**,

Monday through Thursday 10AM - 4PM

Randi Levine Esq.





EDUCATION ADVOCACY

Good Shepherds Services is a part of a community coalition to advance youth & education based initiatives. NYC Schools received \$1B of pandemic funding from the federal government that expires June 30th, 2024. These funds were used to maintain school budgets, support students during the pandemic, as well the return to in-person instruction, fund existing programs and expanding some. Education advocates including early childhood, after-school, community schools, and special education have launched an education coalition to advocate for the continuation of these programs which continue to be vital as the city continues to recover from the pandemic.

Annie Minguez Garcia

BEACON PROGRAMS

Beacon Programs operate in local schools year-round outside of school hours to enhance the educational experience and provide support to students. Programs include tutoring, life-skills activities, career readiness, community building, health & fitness, and activities promoting arts & culture.

Enrollment is ongoing and services are curated for youth and adults.

Evander Campus

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC)

800 East Gun Hill Road

Bronx, NY 10467

Phone: 347-631-9622

Truman Campus

Good Shepherds Services (GSS)

750 Baychester Ave

Bronx, NY 10475

Phone: 718-904-5400 EXT 60810



DISCRETIONARY FUNDING EXPENSE



Discretionary, or expense funding, is funding that is allocated for expenses by nonprofits and agencies to perform work and provide services. These funds can be used for things like food pantries, after-school or in-school programs, community activities, housing services, senior services.

- Currently, there are a number of initiatives within this expense funding category: Local Funding, Anti-Poverty,
- Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA), Digital Inclusion & Literacy Initiative, Support Our Older Adults, Aging,
- A Greener NYC, Youth, Parks Equity Initiative, NYC Cleanup Initiative, A Greener NYC, Domestic Violence and
- Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative, Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative, and Community Safety and Victim Services.



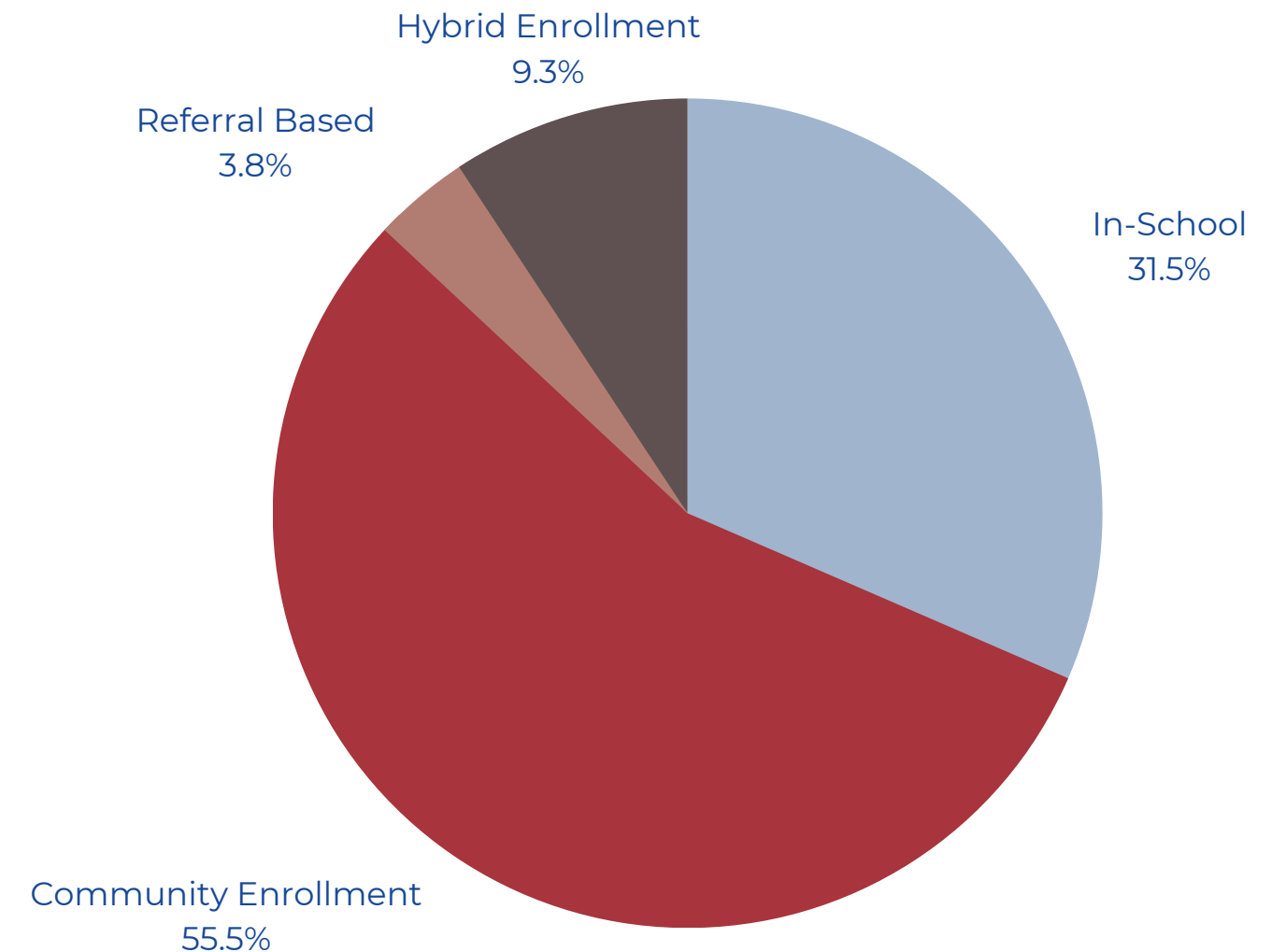
EDUCATION FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Of the largest programs servicing District 12 the cumulative funding since taking office:

- **Mindbuilders Creative Arts Inc.** - \$910K
- **Inside Broadway - Midtown Management Group, Inc.** - \$300K
- **Education Through Music** - \$230K
- **I’Raise Girls & Boys International Corporation** - \$160K
- **AIMHigh Empowerment Institute, Inc.** - \$143K



Over the past 3 fiscal years, \$2,994,500 in cumulative funding has been provided to to education and youth based services in the community.





CAPITAL FUNDING

Capital funding is funding that is used for infrastructural needs and tangible items. This covers things such as renovations, construction, material upgrades, and equipment.

Harry S. Truman Field Upgrade: \$12,198,632

Edenwald Library Total Branch Renovation: \$10,600,000

John Philip Sousa Campus Gymnasium Renovations: \$2,000,000

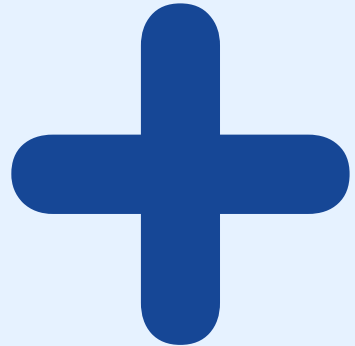
P.S. 103 Complete Bathroom Renovation: \$600,000

Evander Campus Cafeteria Renovations: \$527,000

Since taking office we have been able to commit \$40,414,632 in capital funds to local schools & libraries.



PROJECT TIMELINES & WHAT CAN DELAY A PROJECT?



DESIGN

Development of the design begins, prospects of the project.

CONSTRUCTION

The project is implemented and construction commences.



SCOPE

Goals, objectives, and requirements are established.

BID

The design goes to bid, and contractors place bids on the project.

Delays?

Sometimes, when a project gets to bid, the cost can fluctuate depending on the conditions of the site such as the discovery of any sewage, electrical, or other infrastructural issues.



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Council Member Riley is the first representative in District 12 to host participatory budgeting. We are proud to be a participant in the City Council's Participatory Budgeting Initiative, empowering our neighbors to propose and vote on projects for the district.

FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY.



LEGISLATIVE PRIMER

What is a resolution vs what is an introduction?

A **resolution** is a correspondence developed by the city council and issued to another level of government. For example, a resolution to the New York State Legislature and the Governor to pass a law to provide financial assistance for childcare.

An **introduction** is a law for actions governed by the City Council, such as establishing an office of child care and oversee free child care for all city residents.

Both types of legislation go to a relevant committee for a hearing (aka input from the community and groups interested in providing their opinion), the committee generates a report once it is heard, and legislators meet for any edits. The legislation can then go for a full vote to be passed. Resolutions are adopted and then sent to the relevant entity. Introductions are sent to the Mayor who can then veto it and send it back to the council, sign it or return it unsigned. When signed by the mayor it becomes a local law, and if unsigned, once the required time eclipses it becomes a law.

Jayson Fox



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Supporting the Whole Child

Council Member Riley has drafted, and supported a number of bills regarding education, schools, youth, child care, and curriculum. On the next slide you will see the breakdown by important keywords, but to recap:

Council Member Riley has successfully passed two bills, with four more in committee. Of the whole council, Council Member Riley has co-sponsored 81 bills that are currently in committee, and 30 that have passed. There are 11 additional bills that Council Member voted for during a full vote that are enacted/passed.

Bills Introduced by CM Riley & Enacted/Adopted

Intro 0421-2022 - Enacted - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of homeless services to report on families with children. Local
Law: 2023/026

Reso 0645-2023 - Fatherhood Recognition Month

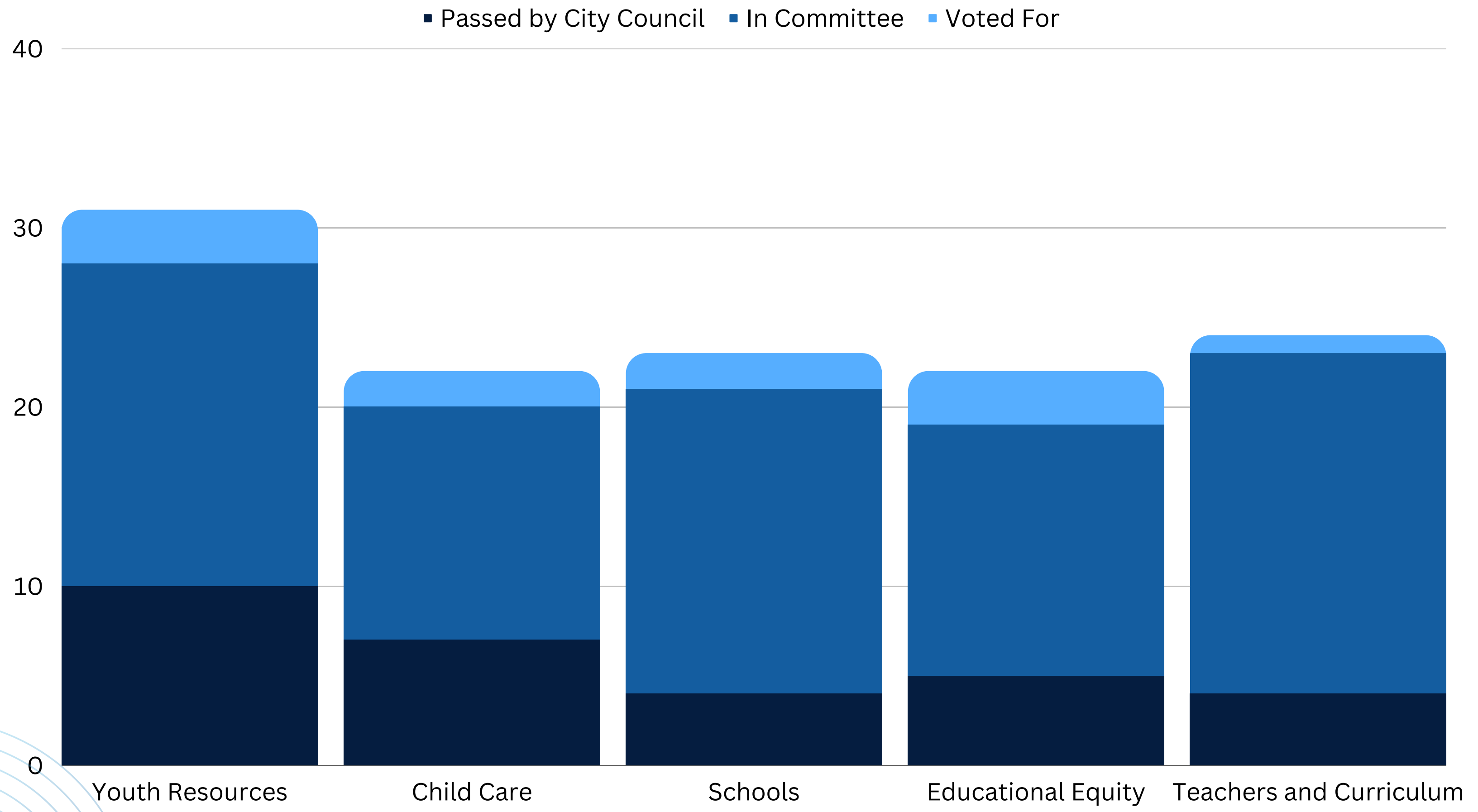
Bills Introduced by CM Riley In Committee

Intro 0354-2022 - Establishing an office of continuing education and adult literacy
Intro 0848-2022 - Foster Care Placement Notices
Intro 0588-2022 - School Admission Policies
Reso 0135-2022 - Dual Stop Arms on Busses

Jayson Fox



Education Legislation



CM Riley signed on to a letter from Education Chair Council Member Rita Joseph to Mayor Adams & the Department of Education Advocating for High School Journalism Programming

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THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

RITA JOSEPH

COUNCIL MEMBER, 40th DISTRICT, BROOKLYN

CHAIR
EDUCATION

COMMITTEES
OVERSIGHT
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY
CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
IMMIGRATION

Mayor Eric Adams
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Chancellor David C. Banks
New York City Department of Education
Tweed Courthouse
52 Chambers Street New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks:

We, the undersigned members of the New York City Council, believe now is the time to make significant changes in our city's high school journalism programs and school newspapers.

According to "Have and Have Nots: Newspaper Prevalence Among NYC Public High Schools," a 2022 Baruch College study, only 26% of New York City public high schools have a student news publication, and only 7% of the 100 schools with the highest poverty rates do.

As leaders in the Council, we find this data alarming. Journalism programs are vital and promote a positive school culture. Now more than ever, it is important that our students have the chance to both express themselves and develop their writing and thinking skills. Journalism programs have been proven to develop students' thinking, research and writing skills, as well as elevate students' voices and inspire confidence.

At schools like Townsend Harris, Beacon and every specialized high school, student media programs are an expectation. They are successful and connect hundreds of students to writing, editing and multimedia opportunities that build connectedness. Contributing to a school newspaper also gives students who are interested in pursuing careers in journalism an advantage, which helps diversify a field that remains stubbornly white and male dominated. By not offering high school journalism opportunities to our Black, Latino and low-income students today, we are denying them the chance to become the writers and editors of tomorrow.

Recently, several of us met with the NYC Youth Journalism Coalition, a group of seventy (70) educators, professional journalists, funders, students, and nonprofit leaders who have come together at this time to re-establish high school journalism programs across New York City. They brought data, insight and ideas on how to bridge the divide in access to journalism education and media opportunities in New York City, the media capital of the world.

We strongly urge the DOE to leverage its significant resources as well as YJC's to best serve our city's students and address this profound and consequential inequity. YJC stands ready to collaborate with

the DOE on expanding journalism education and programming across the school system. Collectively, the coalition brings a wealth of connections, expertise and resources that we are ready to share with our city's students, who represent the next generation of writers, thinkers and change makers.

Yours in service,

Rita Joseph
Chair, Committee on Education



THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
**BLACK, LATINO, AND ASIAN
CAUCUS**

KEVIN C. RILEY • Co-Chair OSWALD FELIZ • Co-Chair

February 28th, 2023

Mayor Eric Adams
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

We write to express our deep concerns about the health of our city's early childhood care and education system, in particular our 3-K programs. Immediate action is needed by your administration to stabilize and strengthen these services which are critical to our City's children and working families.

We share much of the vision that you previously laid out in your Blueprint for Child Care and Early Childhood Education, yet current city agency administration of these programs is undermining success, including an overly bureaucratic contracting processes, severely late contract payments, and insufficient enrollment and outreach efforts. The 200-year-old citywide children and family services organization, Sheltering Arms, was already forced to end its early childhood education programs last year and in recent days announced it will cease all of its operations. Several other early childhood education providers have expressed similar concerns over the past months. This is deeply concerning, and the Preliminary Budget proposals on 3-K only threaten to further impede our city's ability to provide working families with critical early childhood education services.

We know that Black, Latino and Asian children stand to lose the most if these agency problems are not resolved and the proposed disinvestment in the system occurs. The solution must be to improve the government administration that has hampered the successful delivery of these services and to maintain funding support for them in the budget.

For these reasons, it is crucial that your administration quickly enact the administrative reforms and investments needed to ensure New York City's families can access the high-quality services they need. We urge your administration to take the following steps and are prepared to be partners in these efforts:

1. Immediately address the crisis of late payments to DOE contracted child care providers ensuring that all providers are reimbursed for the services that they have provided in FY'22 and FY'23 and that operational systems are put in place to support on-time payments moving forward.
2. Release a new Request for Proposals for the expansion of 3-K for All that emphasizes access to Extended Day / Extended Year slots, which better match the needs of working parents who cannot afford to pick up their children in the middle of the workday.
3. Build upon salary parity for the early childhood education workforce by funding a new labor contract that advances parity between the workforce in community-based organization (CBO) settings and their counterparts in DOE 3-K and Universal Pre-K (UPK) settings.
4. Develop a two-pronged enrollment system that allows parents the option of enrolling directly through CBOs or through the DOE, giving more agency to families and entrusting them to make the best decision for their children.
5. Ensure the distribution of early childhood care and education seats (for infants and toddlers, 3-K and UPK) addresses high-need communities, service deserts, and prioritizes meeting the full-day, year-round needs of working families.
6. Make it easier for families to access care by investing in an extensive multi-lingual and culturally competent outreach campaign to inform New York families about their options and improve enrollment in services.
7. Ensure home-based family child care providers benefit from the increased rate of reimbursement that has increased to 80 percent from 65 percent.

Early childhood education programs are a priority for our communities. They not only help prepare our youngest New Yorkers for educational success, but also help parents avoid choosing between their careers and childcare, especially women who overwhelmingly shoulder the responsibility. New York ranks as one of the most expensive for childcare and is expected to lose an estimated \$4.5 billion every year due to the childcare crisis. As a city, we must get this right. We remain ready to partner with your administration to help advance the solutions New Yorkers rely on us to enact, and ensure our city budget protects these vital services.

We look forward to working together on constructive efforts on these issues. For any follow-up information or questions, please contact Malik James, BLAC Executive Director, at MalJames@council.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Riley, BLAC Co-Chair
Council Member, District 12

Rita Joseph, Education Committee Chair
Council Member, District 40

Oswald Feliz, BLAC Co-Chair
Council Member, District 15

Cc: Sheena Wright, First Deputy Mayor for the City of New York
David C. Banks, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education

Child Care Pay Parity

This February, As Co-Chair of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus (BLAC), Council Member Kevin C. Riley alongside 30 of his colleagues in the BLAC issued a letter to the Mayor's administration advocating for child care pay parity.



Shaun Abreu, BLAC Vice Co-Chair
Council Member, District 7

Linda Lee, BLAC Vice Co-Chair
Council Member, District 23

Pierina Ana Sanchez, BLAC Secretary
Council Member, District 14

Nantasha Williams, BLAC Treasurer
Council Member, District 27

Carlin Rivera
Council Member, District 2

Diana Ayala, Deputy Speaker
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Kristin Richardson Jordan
Council Member, District 17

Carmen De La Rosa
Council Member, District 10

Marjorie Velázquez
Council Member, District 13

Althea Stevens
Council Member, District 16

Amanda Farias
Council Member, District 18

Sandra Ung
Council Member, District 20

Francisco Moya
Council Member, District 21

Tiffany Cabán
Council Member, District 22

Shekar Krishnan
Council Member, District 25

Julie Won
Council Member, District 26

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Majority Whip
Council Member, District 31

Jennifer Gutiérrez
Council Member, District 34

Crystal Hudson
Council Member, District 35

Chi Ossé
Council Member, District 36

Sandy Nurse
Council Member, District 37

Alexa Avilés
Council Member, District 38

Shahana Hanif
Council Member, District 39

Charles Barroo
Council Member, District 42

Farrah N. Louis
Council Member, District 45

Mercedes Narcisse
Council Member, District 46

Kamillah Banks
Council Member, District 49

CHILD CARE PAY PARITY

Providing for the Providers

Yesterday, **Council Member Riley**, the **Black, Latino & Asian Caucus**, and the **Day Care Council of NY** hosted a press conference advocating for pay parity for child care providers. For providers to serve in their best capacity, we must support them in the work that they do. Below are the requests issued to the Mayor's administration.

1. Immediately address the crisis of late payments to DOE-contracted childcare providers.
2. Release a new Request for Proposals to expand 3K for All with emphasis on extended day/year slots.
3. Build upon salary parity for the early childhood education workforce by funding a new labor contract between CBOs and DOE.
4. Developing a 2 pronged enrollment system that allows parents to enroll directly at a CBO or through the DOE.
5. Ensuring the distribution of early childhood care & education seats address high-need communities with priority for full-day, year-round needs of working families.
6. Make it easier for families to access care by investing in an extensive multilingual and culturally competent outreach campaign.
7. Ensure home-based family child care providers benefit from the increased rate of reimbursement.



Universal Child Care

In addition to introducing legislation with Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez to establish an office of child care and free child care in NYC, we co-wrote a letter during NYS Budget Negotiations to support universal child care funding and with majority support from our colleagues.



THE COUNCIL of THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
State of New York
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Majority Leader and President Pro Tempore
New York State Senate
Legislative Office Building, Room 907
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Carl E. Heastie
Speaker
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 932
Albany, NY 12248

March 30th, 2023

Dear Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie,

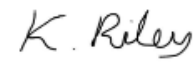
We write to you today in support of expanding funding for universal child care in New York State. Our economic recovery from the pandemic provides us with the opportunity to uplift our communities and develop an even stronger workforce. Our economy can only thrive when it is inclusive, so we must ensure we are supporting working families, and ensuring access to childcare is a critical component of this recovery.

Working families find themselves navigating a fragmented childcare system with very limited free or low cost seats in programs and rigorous means-testing. Vouchers are only administered on a limited basis and are primarily prioritized for families experiencing significant hardships, such as living in temporary housing or fleeing domestic violence. Families with incomes just outside the range of these programs do not qualify for financial support and have little recourse but to compete for seats that are priced as much as or more than housing. On average, the annual cost for infant care in New York is \$15,934, and the annual cost of child care for a four year old is about \$12,358.^{1, 2} These cost burdens are exacerbated by the federal poverty guidelines, which do not reflect the true cost of living in New York or the current financial impacts from inflation. Further, families from marginalized backgrounds are disproportionately burdened, as they tend to earn lower salaries and are more commonly disenfranchised by irregular working hours and inconsistent work schedules.³

The New York State Legislature is aware of these obstacles to our economic recovery, and Governor Hochul noted the challenges in access to child care during her 2023 State of the State.⁴ Universal child care funding must remain a priority amidst the state's budget negotiations. This is a critical juncture that will determine the future of our State's economy and the success of our families and children. Our children's outcomes are determined by their access to resources and their family's well-being. This is an opportunity for us to level the playing field.

Together, we can do so much more to support our families and grow our shared economy.

Sincerely,


Council Member Kevin C. Riley


Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez


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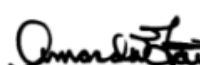

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Universal Child Care

A Call to Action! #UCCinNYC

Tomorrow, September 21st at 10AM, the Universal Child Care, INTRODUCTION 0941-2023, bill we introduced with Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez will be heard in the Committee on Women & Gender Equity.

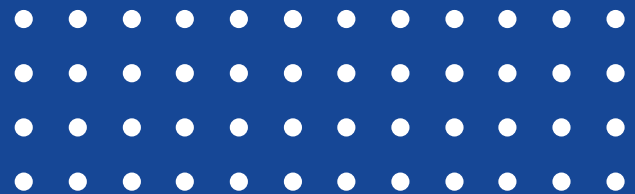
We would love if you could submit testimony. In your program package, a sample testimony letter will be included. If you would like to submit testimony, we ask that you fill out this form and bring it to our Legislative Director, Jayson Fox, before you leave this evening.

If you want to submit testimony independently, you can do so online on the City Council's website at www.council.nyc.gov/testify up until 72 hours after the hearing has closed.





ANY QUESTIONS?



UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL SUPPLY POP UP

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 | 3:00PM

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY

940 EAST GUN HILL RD, BRONX, NY 10469

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT | WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

FUNK MASTER FLEX FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 | 5:00PM

PS 78 ANNE HUTCHINSON SCHOOL

1400 NEEDHAM AVENUE

THE ROAD TO REPARATIONS PANEL DISCUSSION

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 | 6:00PM

CRAWFORD UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH

3757 WHITE PLAINS ROAD BRONX, NY 10469

BRONX FASHION WEEK SURVIOR FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 | 4:00PM

THE MALL AT BAY PLAZA

200 BAYCHESTER AVENUE BRONX, NY 10475

WHITE PLAINS ROAD CLEAN UP

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 | 10:00AM

MEETUP : EAST GUN HILL & WHITE PLAINS ROAD

SAVE THE DATE

MONTHLY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2023 | 6:30M PM

LOCATION : TBD



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Deputy Chief of Staff
Budget Director



Jayson Fox
Legislative Director



Cynthia Prisco
Constituent Services Director
Legislative Coordinator



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