



Priorities for Fiscal Year 2018

Together we have accomplished a great deal in the past three years including: pre-k for all 4-year olds; after-school programs for all middle school students; higher rates for Beacon Community Centers; and a new contract for higher salaries and improved benefits for the child care workforce.

We support the Preliminary Budget proposals to:

- Add \$15.0 million for middle school summer programs for 22,800 middle school students (funding is one year only).
- Add \$6.2 million to create 10 new Beacon Community Centers.

But there is more that needs to be done and we urge the Administration and the City Council to use the upcoming FY 18 budget as the start of a longer-term plan that ensures every NYC child has access to affordable, high quality early childhood education, after-school and summer programs.

We also support the Human Services Council proposal to address the underfunding of contracts by increasing funding by 12% to raise salaries, support reasonable fringe benefits, and cover existing under-funding of OTPS.

Additional Priorities for CFY 2018

Early Childhood Education

- Create an **Office of Early Childhood** as a stand-alone city agency.
- Expand on the City's Pre-kindergarten "**enrollment specialist**" success by expanding the job to include enrollment in EarlyLearn programs.
- Fund Early Childhood Liaisons at **Homeless** shelters.
- Expand capacity to serve **infants and toddlers**.

After-school and Summer Programs

- **Baseline** the \$15.0 million added in the Preliminary Budget for **summer** programs for 22,800 middle school students. Restore and baseline full funding so all SONYC middle school participants can have summer programming.
- Restore \$16 million of one-year funding to preserve elementary after-school program capacity.
- Ensure NYC **maintains universal availability** of after-school and summer programs for **middle school students** even after state and federal RFP awards and/or cuts.
- Expand capacity to serve **elementary school children after school** and during the **summer** months by adding at least 10,000 more slots.
- Add 5,000 after-school/summer slots for **high school students**.
- Add **\$8.8 million** to make the rate for all elementary after-school programs the same and then increase the rate for all elementary school programs.

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