



**Campaign
for Children**

Priorities for Fiscal Year 2018

We support the Preliminary and Executive Budget proposals to strengthen and support the early childhood education and after-school systems:

Early Childhood Education:

- \$16.475 million to begin creating 3-K For All, a new prekindergarten program for 3 year olds (increases to \$156.75 million in FY21).
- \$20.0 million for EarlyLearn Quality Enhancements as part of transition from ACS to DOE.

After-school and Summer:

- \$15.0 million for middle school summer programs for 22,800 middle school students (funding is one year only).
- \$6.2 million to create 10 new Beacon Community Centers.
- \$10.733 million for SONYC middle school expansion.

Additional Priorities for CFY 2018

We urge the Administration and the City Council to take additional steps to preserve, strengthen and expand the early childhood education, after-school and summer programs.

We 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.

Early Childhood Education

- Ensure a smooth transition, with provider and advocate input, in the transition of EarlyLearn from DOE to ACS and in the creation of 3-K for All.
- Create salary and benefit parity between DOE staff and staff at community-based programs.
- Fund Early Childhood Liaisons at **Homeless** shelters.
- Expand capacity to serve **infants and toddlers**.
- Restore \$9.35 million for 11 child care centers.

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 have summer programming. **Ensure SONYC expansion includes summer.**
- 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. Ensure no child currently enrolled loses care due to state/federal RFP awards and/or cuts.
- Add 5,000 after-school/summer slots for **high school students**. Ensure no child currently enrolled loses care due to state/federal RFP awards and/or cuts.
- 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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