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June 28, 2024 (NEW YORK CITY) — *In response to the announcement of a city budget agreement for FY 2025, the [Emergency Coalition to Save Education Programs](#) released the following statement:*

Over the past year, the Emergency Coalition to Save Education Programs has worked closely with the Speaker's office, Education Committee Chair Rita Joseph, families, and students on raising awareness about the devastating impact public education was facing due to the sunset of federal stimulus funding. We thank the Speaker, Chair Joseph, and the Council for being our champions.

After raising awareness of the pending sunset of the federal stimulus dollars, the Administration and City Council made significant investments in education to save critical programs and services, such as social workers, psychologists, community schools, Summer Rising, Learning to Work, 3-K, preschool special education, bilingual programs, translation services, and dyslexia programming. We also appreciate the Council's leadership in restoring funding for additional education programs announced today, including the Mental Health Continuum, the immigrant family communication and outreach initiative, restorative justice, and Student Success Centers. The programs that were preserved with City investments are vital in supporting the whole child through their academic career, as well as supporting their families, and we deeply appreciate these investments.

While we appreciate the investments being announced today in the area of early childhood education following the strong efforts of the City Council, it is disheartening that the Administration did not hear the call from parents to fully restore 3-K and Pre-K or fully fund preschool special education. We will continue to work with our partners in government to strengthen the early child education system and ensure families have the support they need to access these programs.

With this budget season coming to an end, the Coalition looks forward to discussing how to move forward to keep fighting for all students.

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