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May 12, 2026 (NEW YORK CITY) — *In response to the release of Mayor Mamdani's Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget, the [Coalition for Equitable Education Funding](#), comprised of more than 120 organizations, released the following statement:*

We are pleased to see Mayor Mamdani extend and baseline funding for Learning to Work, which provides critical support to over-age, under-credited students to help them earn a high school diploma and develop a post-secondary plan. After years of fighting for long-term funding for this impactful program, we appreciate that the funding is finally secure. We are also pleased to see baselined funding for early childhood education outreach, which will be essential as the City launches 2-K and seeks to ensure families know about the range of early childhood programs being offered.

At the same time, we are concerned that there are still several important education programs with funding set to expire at the end of June. Unless City leaders act to extend funding in this year's city budget, the initiatives below, which are currently benefitting thousands of New York City students, will see significant cuts or elimination as soon as July. Although the funding for these programs is set to expire at the end of the school year, the need for these investments is not going away.

Students, families, educators, and providers want assurance that they can continue relying on these programs in future years. We call on the Mayor and the City Council to commit to sustaining and baselining these programs as soon as possible. We stand ready to work with city leaders to bring an end to this year-after-year fight.

We also urge the City to go beyond merely maintaining current programs and make additional investments needed to support students, with a focus on those who have the greatest needs. New York City families deserve excellent schools where their students have the resources they need to succeed.

The programs that have dollars expiring this year and, are, therefore, at risk of cuts or elimination, include:

- **Sensory Exploration, Education & Discovery (SEED)**, which provides small group support from occupational and physical therapists to students with intensive sensory needs. (\$12M)
- **Restorative justice**, which helps students stay in school, repair relationships, and resolve conflicts instead of being suspended. (\$6M)
- **Mental Health Continuum**, which provides expedited mental healthcare to students at 50 high-needs schools. (\$5M)
- **Immigrant family communications and outreach**, which helps families receive information about their child's school in a language and mode they can access. (\$4M)
- **Student Success Centers**, which allow trained youth leaders to build a culture of college-going and help their peers with the college admissions process. (\$3.3M)

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