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June 30, 2026 (NEW YORK CITY) — *In response to the announcement of the Fiscal Year 2027 city budget, the [Coalition for Equitable Education Funding](#), comprised of more than 120 organizations, released the following statement:*

We have worked as a coalition since 2023 to advocate for continued funding for essential education programs and services that were previously supported with temporary, expiring funding. Over the past couple of years, the City has made significant investments to continue and baseline funding for many key education programs and services. We appreciate that, this year, Mayor Mamdani baselined funding for preschool special education services, summer programming, Learning to Work, and early childhood education outreach—all of which had funds set to expire this year, and were therefore in danger of being rolled back or eliminated.

We are pleased that the budget announced today builds on the City's previous investments, with the City committing to continue several important programs for the coming year that had been funded with dollars set to expire later this week:

- **Sensory Exploration, Education & Discovery (SEED)**, which provides small group support from occupational and physical therapists to students with intensive sensory needs. (\$8.4M)
- **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 train youth leaders to build a culture of college-going and help their peers with the college admissions process. (\$3.3M)

These programs are currently benefiting thousands of students and families, and we thank the Mamdani Administration and the City Council for ensuring these critical programs will continue for another year.

We are grateful to the parents, students, and advocates who joined our coalition's efforts, shared their stories, and advocated for sustaining these programs. However, students and families should not have to worry, year after year, about whether the City will continue funding current impactful programs, especially those that serve students and families from marginalized communities. As we move forward, we continue to urge the City to provide baselined funding for all the programs listed above to help ensure their stability and success. We also urge the City to commit to making additional investments needed to support students, with a focus on those who have the greatest needs.

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