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January 16, 2025 (NEW YORK CITY) — *In response to the release of Mayor Adams' Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget, the [Coalition for Equitable Education Funding](#), comprised of more than 120 organizations, released the following statement:*

While we are pleased to see Mayor Adams extend funding for summer programming and Learning to Work for next year, we are concerned that there is still a slew of important education programs at risk of being rolled back or eliminated as soon as July.

Mayor Adams and the City Council made significant investments in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to continue essential education programs, staff, and services that had been at risk of ending due to expiring temporary federal stimulus dollars and city funds. While the City provided long-term funding for many of these programs, the City continued other programs for one year only—meaning the funding will expire at the end of June unless City leaders act to extend funding in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

These critical education programs, which are funded for this year only, are currently benefitting tens of thousands of NYC students and their families. Programs at risk of being rolled back or eliminated include:

- Early Childhood Education
 - 3-K (\$112M)
 - Preschool Special Education Classes (\$55M)
 - Extended Day Seats (\$25M)
 - Outreach (\$5M)
- Arts Programming (\$41M)
- Community Schools (\$14M)
- Restorative Justice (\$12M)
- Teacher Recruitment (\$10M)
- Mental Health Continuum (\$5M)
- Immigrant Family Communications and Outreach (\$4M)
- High-Impact Tutoring (\$4M)
- Student Success Centers (\$3.3M)

Students, families, educators, and providers want assurance that they can continue relying on these programs in future years. We call on the Administration to commit to sustaining these programs as soon as possible. To make New York City the best place to raise a family, we must have excellent schools in every neighborhood where students get the support they need to thrive.

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