2022 CITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FY23 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

OUR CITY IS SQUANDERING A GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS.

The UFT helped secure new funding that could change the face of public education—$7.6B in federal stimulus funding for our city, plus Albany’s commitment to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, which fully funds Foundation Aid. Yet, the administration’s FY23 budget inexplicably focuses on teacher workforce reductions and cuts to school budgets.

MISSING FROM THE BUDGET

- Lowering class sizes
- Adding critical staff including social workers, counselors, and school psychologists
- Advancing an agenda for career and technical education
- Expanding professional development opportunities for educators to help our students recover academically and emotionally from interrupted learning during the pandemic.

EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING

FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING FOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- $7.6B ALLOCATED
- $5.3B OPPORTUNITY
- $2.3B SPENT

SMALLER CLASS SIZES

In 2021, we worked with our partners at the City Council on Intro. 2374-2021 to cap classroom capacity by amending the health section of the administrative code. We hope we can work with this new City Council to move the proposal forward this legislative year.

SMALLER CLASSES. HUGE BENEFITS.

- ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INCREASES
- HEALTHIER, SAFER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

FY23-26 CAPITAL COMMITMENT PLAN

- We look forward to renewing our conversation with the Council on legislation to amend the city administrative code to set new classroom capacity limits.
- We support the Carbon Free and Healthy School campaign’s goals to retrofit all NYC public schools for solar power, creating 60,000 middle-class union jobs.
- We support the Lunch for Learning coalition’s request for an investment of $250 million in capital funds over 5 years to modernize and transform all middle and high-school cafeterias.

Based on analysis of data released by the Independent Budget Office
**UNITED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Operating the largest community school network in NYC, our teacher-inspired nonprofit is transforming public schools and the communities they serve through its proven model.

- **6:1** Community School Director’s return on investment
- **6,000+** families fed in 2020-21
- **10,500+** health clinic visits coordinated in 2020-21
- **20,000+** kids and families supported per year

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $5M grant to sustain our current network of community schools

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**POSITIVE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

For nearly a decade, this expert team of clinicians and public school educators has been using social-emotional strategies, evidence-based training and healing practices to decrease discipline incidents and improve academic performance and school climate.

- **9,800** Teachers attended “Healing Centered Classrooms” workshops
- **500+** In-person and remote support and coaching visits in 2020-21
- **50** Schools participating in groundbreaking new CHRE program

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $3M grant to sustain our existing programming in schools

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**TEACHER CENTER**

The UFT Teacher Center has been a guiding light for NYC educators for 40 years. Last year, we provided 126K hours of professional development to 281K educators, principals and parents.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $10M grant to sustain current programming and expand to up to 15 new sites

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**BRAVE ANTI-BULLYING HOTLINE**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, students, families, and educators dealing with bullying can contact our hotline for immediate help resolving these detrimental situations.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $300,000 to sustain our anti-bullying programming for students and educators

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**MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)**

Addressing the growing mental-health and wellness crisis, MAP provides free counseling, workshops, support groups and more for the union’s 200,000+ members and their families—services that enable many educators to remain in the field of public education.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $1.78M grant to support our program maintenance and expansion

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**DIAL-A-TEACHER HOMEWORK HELPLINE**

Fielding over 40,000 calls in 9 languages last year, our acclaimed homework helpline is expanding to help students citywide from all grades, across many disciplines and languages.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- $265,000 to further develop an online presence and procure digital curricula

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**TEACHER’S CHOICE**

This key initiative ensures teachers are reimbursed for supplies and materials they buy for their classrooms and students in need. We are grateful for the $20M allocation in the FY23 preliminary budget.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- Baseline the program in the budget at $20M

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**BROADWAY BRIDGES**

Every NYC high schooler should see a Broadway show before they graduate, and this program provides tickets to high school students so they can experience the city’s rich cultural opportunities.

**WHAT WE’RE ASKING:**
- Support this initiative in the FY23 City Council Budget

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