



**Citizens' Committee  
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## **Citizens' Committee for Children Responds to de Blasio's Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2022**

New York, NY --- Citizens' Committee for Children issued the following statement in response to Mayor Bill de Blasio's FY 2022 Executive Budget:

Citizens' Committee for Children applauds the Mayor and the city administration for releasing a budget that invests in many supports and services upon which New York's children and families rely on with a focus on recovery. As the city moves into its next phase of recovery, support for working families in communities hardest hit by the pandemic remains paramount.

In particular, we appreciate that the Executive Budget makes significant investments in the education continuum with expansion of 3-K in every district with the goal of universal access by 2023, \$600M to achieve 100% of Fair Student Funding for every school, \$500M in academic recovery for every student supporting instruction and tutoring in ELA and Math, and \$200 million in summer programming for youth. In addition, the Executive Budget proposes \$32M in emergency food distribution, \$140 million for a wide range of behavioral health supports, and funds long-fought for indirect costs of the non-profit providers in the health and human services sectors serving New York City's children and families.

While we were pleased to see investments noted below, more details are needed on how the city will ensure:

- Investments in early childhood special education will result in enough seats to address the shortage for preschoolers with disabilities and extend salary parity to preschool special education teachers;
- The Summer Rising initiative includes sufficient resources for CBO planning, increased rates to support staff and services to effectively develop and deliver summer programming;

We are disappointed that the Administration did not heed the City Council's recommendation to invest \$40 million to increase the value of city rent subsidies to prevent homelessness and increase housing security among families with children. Additionally, there were no new investments to address the lack of affordable infant toddler care in NYC, inadequate investment in school and community-based behavioral health supports targeting children and adolescents, and inadequate investments in anti-hunger initiatives that are not focused on emergency food.

We look forward to working with the Administration and the City Council to ensure the CFY'22 Adopted Budget addresses these issues. We will also work with the current city administration, the City Council and the incoming 2022 Mayoral Administration to ensure that these critical investments are sustainable beyond allocated federal stimulus resources. These steps are critical to the recovery and well-being of New York's 1.7 million children and families.

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**About CCC**

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) educates and mobilizes New Yorkers to make the city a better place for children. CCC's advocacy combines public policy research and data analysis with citizen action. CCC casts light on the issues, educates the public, engages allies and identifies and promotes practical solutions to ensure that every New York City child is healthy, housed, educated and safe. For more information about CCC, visit [www.cccnewyork.org](http://www.cccnewyork.org).