With one month left of budget negotiations, Dignity in Schools Campaign New York (DSC-NY) calls on leaders to reject the Mayor’s latest disastrous budget proposal and embrace DSC-NY demands for safe and just schools:

**THE MAYOR HAS PROPOSED…**

**Cuts to Schools –**

- Cutting nearly 1,000 pedagogical school staff from the Department of Education (DOE), with no commitment to add critical school staff to support students and school communities
- $1 billion in cuts to the DOE, including cuts to general education and instruction, slicing school budgets and ballooning class sizes
- Silence on restorative justice
- Canceling the Mental Health Continuum pilot initiative that supports students with mental health needs – abandoning 50 schools across Brooklyn and the Bronx

**Strengthened Schools –**

- Hire 2,000 New Yorkers as School-Based Restorative Justice Coordinators, School Social Workers, Counselors, Youth Advocates, Paraprofessionals, Parent Coordinators, and Community Outreach Coordinators
- Resist scarcity and austerity, direct $350 million in new funding to grow school climate supports
- $45 million directly to school budgets to grow and sustain restorative justice practices, trainings, and curriculum
- Baseline $5 million to sustain the Mental Health Continuum initiative

**More Harm, More Policing –**

- Growing the NYPD’s operating budget by $182 million
- Budget trickery in the form of hiring hundreds of new school cops within the next fiscal year
- A new school cop-led outreach campaign targeting parents and families, and increased deployment of cops around school buildings
- “Maximizing” the size of school cop candidate classes at the Police Academy
- A commitment to brutal “quality of life” police enforcement – a return to “broken windows” policing of communities

**Moving Money Away From Policing –**

- Redirect $400 million from the NYPD’s school policing infrastructure to opportunities for young people
- Discontinue all hiring of school cops, stop recruitment and the filling of school cop vacancies
- Redirect school funds away from hiring and training school police and towards school-based jobs that support students and communities
- Eliminate the youth coordination officer position – the rebranded name for former school cops and youth officers – now 300 uniformed cops that surveil young people