



# DIGNITY IN SCHOOLS

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

### **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

## DSC-NY ENVISIONS...

### **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

### **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