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Mayor Bill de Blasio
New York City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

District 15 Community Education Council strenuously objects to the current proposed cuts to the FY20 and FY21 NYC Education Budget and to Health and Social Services, and we request that you reconsider.

The crisis brought about by Covid-19 has created disruption for so many New Yorkers in a multitude of ways. We recognize the herculean task that you are managing at this time and are sympathetic to the need to cut areas of the budget in order to support immediate needs. However it would appear that the city has made the largest cuts in the areas that provide services and employment to literally millions of children, families and over 150,000 educators and staffers.

A significant proportion of NYC schools already receive less funding than they are owed under Fair Student Funding. Once schools reopen, funding will be needed for additional measures of continued social distancing, hygiene products, deployment of trauma-informed professional staff, including guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers, and academic remediation for all of the 1.1 million students that the Department of Education services. Every child and adult has been impacted by this crisis and must be supported in the areas of Education, Health and Social Services.

CEC15 opposes any and all cuts to the NYC Education Budget and to Health and Social Services. We expect the City, State, and Federal government to raise adequate sources of revenue to educate New York City's children.

Signed,
CEC15

Camille Casaretti

Camille Casaretti, President CEC15

cc: NYS Senator NYC Education Committee Chair John C. Liu
Chancellor Richard A. Carranza