



**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

June 17, 2025

**CEC15 Resolution on State Transitional Aid
for New York City Public Schools**

The District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15) held a meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. After reviewing all the evidence and facts, CEC15 approved the following resolution which provides the position of the District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15) on Transitional Aid.

Whereas, New York City has [281 charter schools](#) – the vast majority of the 351 total authorized charter schools¹ in New York State;²

Whereas, the total funding diverted to charter schools from traditional New York City public schools is already substantial and growing each year. According to the New York City Council’s November 2024 enrollment, Charters are projected to receive approximately [\\$3.054 billion](#) for FY 2025. This is up from [\\$2.69 billion](#) in FY 2023, and does not include the rental space and services that co-located NYC charter schools receive for free but paid for by the New York City Department of Education;³

Whereas, New York State Education Law subdivision 41 of section §3602 requires public school districts to pay tuition to charter schools for each student enrolled;⁴

Whereas, Transitional Aid is state funding that offsets the cost of year-to-year increases in charter school enrollment available to school districts that have a high concentration of charters. That concentration is defined as 2%;

Whereas, NYC has far more than 2% of students in charters. New York City more than qualifies with 15% of students currently attending charters;⁵

Whereas, some districts like District 17 have 25.8% of students attending charter schools;

Whereas, New York City was deliberately excluded from receiving Transitional Aid. It was part of a [deal Mayor Michael Bloomberg made](#) with the NY state legislature under Governor Cuomo to expand charters in NYC and our students have been paying the price ever since;⁶

¹ <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy26/ex/local/school/2526schoolaid.pdf> p. 18

² <https://nyccharterschools.org/facts/>

³ <https://council.nyc.gov/budget/fy2024/>

⁴ <https://codes.findlaw.com/ny/education-law/edn-sect-3602/>

⁵ <https://nyccharterschools.org/policy-research/fact-sheets/charter-facts/>

⁶ <https://edlawcenter.org/it-is-time-for-new-york-city-schools-to-receive-charter-school-transition-aid/>

Whereas, New York City is the only school district in the state excluded from this aid;⁷

Whereas, the Education Law Center estimates NYC to have [been denied over \\$2.6 billion](#) in state Transitional Aid in a period of ten years, between 2011 and 2022;⁸

Whereas, according to the [Education Law Center](#), the city missed out on \$263 million in Transitional Aid in 2021-22;⁹

Whereas, [NYC Comptroller Brad Lander](#) sent a letter in March, 2022 to the legislature requesting that Supplemental Tuition, the state funding for charter school tuition, for \$263 million be made available in FY 23 until the law (State Education Law §3602(41)) can be rewritten to include NYC in Transitional Aid;¹⁰

Whereas, districts pay charters per pupil tuition. Hochul's FY24 budget included a 4.7% charter tuition increase.¹¹ Per pupil tuition for Charters as of 2023-24 was \$18,340;¹²

Whereas, under current law, charter schools in New York State can become K-12 schools regardless of the grades initially approved. When charters expand to new grade levels (i.e. elementary, middle, or high school) this adds additional tuition costs at the expense of district schools that are excluded from Transitional Aid;

Whereas, charter school advocates frequently point to high spending on district students, but the reality is in the absence of Transitional Aid, NYC students simply aren't getting the full benefit of per pupil tuition because the charter industry is soaking up more and more of it;

Whereas, nowhere is this more true than districts with both high concentrations of poverty and high percentages of students who attend charters, such as Rochester, Albany, Buffalo and New York City;

Whereas, these districts now face uncertainty with the Trump administration's threat to cut federal aid to public schools, including potentially billions of dollars in Title One, IDEA, and school lunch subsidies;¹³

Whereas, Federal funds, which include Title I funds, represent 5% or \$2 billion of the New York City Department of Education Budget;¹⁴

⁷ <https://edlawcenter.org/it-is-time-for-new-york-city-schools-to-receive-charter-school-transition-aid/>

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<https://edlawcenter.org/news/archives/new-york/the-unsustainable-cost-to-new-york-city-schools-of-charter-school-growth.html>

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¹⁰ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_sU3lasIRK70PIJJIHresP3hjq2JO6K/view

¹¹ <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy24/ex/local/school/2324schoolaid.pdf> p. 19

¹² <https://nyccharterschools.org/policy-research/fact-sheets/charter-facts/>

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<https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/trumps-push-to-slash-federal-k-12-school-funds-explained/2025/04>

¹⁴

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/951dd9a1-96ac-438b-8642-d89cc6651997/FY%202025%20FSF%20CEC%20deck_D15.pdf

Therefore be it resolved that CEC15 calls on the NYS Legislature to make New York City eligible for state charter school Transitional Aid by passing [S.4449](#) sponsored by NY Senator Robert Jackson (D-31);¹⁵

Be it resolved that CEC15 calls on the NYS Legislature to provide New York City all past transitional aid that was unfairly denied (\$2.6 billion as of 2022) ; and

Be it resolved that CEC15 urges Mayor Adams and Chancellor Ramos to formally request ongoing Transitional Aid from the State Legislature.

NYC families demand Transitional Aid. This is money left on the table that every other school district is receiving. NYC students deserve no less than the rest of the state!

This resolution was duly adopted by the Community Education Council 15 on June 17, 2025 by a vote of the members present, including: Antonia Ferraro Martinelli, Leslie King, Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka, Nancy Cruz, Katina Rogers, Jonathan Davis, and Donalda Chumney.

7 members voted Yes

¹⁵ <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S8579>

183 charters existed prior to 2015

[FY25 State charter school facilities aid \\$120M](#)
[FY 24 \\$100M](#)

Notes:

Education Law 3602 (41) scroll to last page.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/3602>

both retroactive transitional aid and yearly on going transitional aid

Mayor cites Budget Shortfall, fiscal cliff, but cuts \$500 million

State funding available to local school district who have more than 2% of charters, NYC is beyond that at 14%

<https://edlawcenter.org/news/archives/new-york/the-unsustainable-cost-to-new-york-city-schools-of-charter-school-growth.html>

NYC has [been denied over \\$2.62 billion](#) in state charter school transitional aid between 2011 and 2022, the only school district in the state so exempted;

AQE estimates that the city could have received as much as \$500 million in transitional aid

What is transition aid?

https://stateaid.nysed.gov/publications/handbooks/handbook_2223.pdf p. 41

Charter per pupil tuition

NYC tuition calculator for NYC <https://nycharters.net/tuition-calculator-2021-22/#jump>

2021-22 NYC Chancellor's office \$16,844

2022-23 with passage Hochul's 4% charter per pupil tuition hike this will be ? per pupil

NYC Charter center cites per pupil Gen Ed tuition at 17,626 (2022-23)