OUR SCHOOLS
OUR FUTURES
A BUDGET FOR SAFE & JUST NYC SCHOOLS

Dignity in Schools Campaign-NY (DSC-NY) is a coalition of NYC public school students, families, educators, and advocates organizing for a FY2025 city budget to ensure that every young person—regardless of which neighborhood they live in or school they attend—has access to safe and thriving school communities. Read our FY2025 budget demands in full at bit.ly/dsc-fy25.

1. EXPAND SCHOOL-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS

+ $75M directly to 500 high schools to hire school-based Restorative Justice Coordinators.
+ $75M directly to schools to hire 500 community members into supportive positions.
+ $10M directly to schools to:
  - Access ongoing restorative justice training ($2.2M), including opportunities for educators and students to develop restorative justice curriculum ($800K).
  - Fund restorative justice electives, clubs, and/or advisories ($5M).
  - Sustain paid school-based opportunities and work-based learning internships for young people to lead restorative justice practices (starting at $2M).

2. PROTECT CRITICAL PROGRAMS CURRENTLY FUNDED WITH $1B OF FEDERAL COVID RELIEF DOLLARS

+ $21M to protect and baseline funding for School-Based Restorative Justice.
+ $5M in baseline funding for the Mental Health Continuum.
+ $77M for counselors, social workers, and mental health professionals.

3. MOVE MONEY AWAY FROM POLICING

× Cease all NYPD recruitment, hiring, and training of school cops.
× No NYPD-involved programming during or after school.
× No funding for new or existing student surveillance and scanning equipment.

TAKE ACTION:

Testify at a City Council hearing, meet with your Council Member, and join a DSC-NY direct action or get support to plan one of your own! Get in touch to learn more.

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