



Dear Community Education Council 28,

Thank you for your resolution advocating for the continued support of key education programs funded with expiring federal COVID-19 relief funds. We appreciate your advocacy on behalf of our students and community; we share your commitment to these essential programs and recognize the challenges ahead.

These initiatives funded by one-time federal stimulus funds have played a pivotal role in supporting our school communities and enhancing educational outcomes for our students.

We are glad that the City has provided funds for Summer Rising this summer, a program previously supported by federal stimulus dollars.

But as you note, it is critical that elected leaders at the state and city levels identify sustainable funding sources for these programs. The potential rollback of these initiatives would disproportionately harm some of our most vulnerable students and targeted programs, further exacerbating existing disparities in our education system.

Thank you for your dedication to our students and your continued partnership in advancing our shared goals.

Sincerely,

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