

**COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 'S RESOLUTION DEMANDING
THAT THE MAYOR, THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE
" KEEP THEIR PROMISES" TO OUR CHILDREN
COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL OF DISTRICT 26**

WHEREAS, the Governor and the State Legislature promised a \$528 million increase to New York State's basic operating aid to New York City (also called "foundation aid") for 2008-09, but the proposed Executive Budget cuts this amount to \$335 million; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor committed to raise New York City's investment in our children's education by \$2.2 billion over four years, but is taking back \$180 million this year with \$100 million coming right out of the classrooms and cutting an additional \$324million next year, for a two year total of more than one-half billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, New York State committed to increase building funds for New York City by \$11.2 billion to allow the City to complete its \$13.1 billion capital plan to construct and repair schools, but now this promise is threatened by proposed reforms that would delay the state reimbursement to the City for school construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, the Governor, the City Council and the Mayor must Keep the Promises to our school children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we demand that the Governor and State Legislature KEEP THE PROMISE and restore the missing \$193 million in foundation aid. These funds are supposed to be tied to the Contract for Excellence which is the only real accountability mechanism we have to ensure that funds go to reduce class size, reform middle schools and high schools, provide for the needs of English Language Learners and achieve other fundamental school reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we demand that the Mayor and the City Council KEEP THE PROMISE by restoring the half billion dollars in cuts for this year and next; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we demand that the Governor and State Legislature KEEP THE PROMISE to increase building funds by \$11.2 billion to allow the City to construct and repair school buildings at a pace that will matter for our students in the immediate future.

Adopted by the CDEC of **DISTRICT 26** this 27 day of March **2008**.