New Yorkers demand a budget that centers racial justice. We demand our elected leaders commit to building a budget that makes the necessary educational investments in our communities, while also divesting from educational policies, practices, and procedures that promote and/or uphold racism and white supremacy. Our 2021 Budget Demands outline many of the critical investments needed to truly build racially just public schools.

**Invest**

**Building Culturally Responsive-Healing Centered Schools**
- **$350 M** for 3 year CRSE Professional development and summer institutes for school based and Central DOE staff
- **$118.5 M** for Restorative Justice implementation in 500 high schools this year to
- **$150 M** in FY23 to hire 500 new social workers and 500 new guidance counselors
- Baseline **$5 M** for the Mental Health Continuum

**Small Class Sizes**
- **$250 M** for class size reduction

**Supporting ELL/SWD/Homeless/Foster**
- Baseline **$4 M** to develop the infrastructure and partnerships to improve immigrant communications and Translation & Interpretation
- **$8.3 M** for an older newcomer transfer school pilot program in Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn

**Desegregated/Integrated Schools**
- **$7.5 M** to fully funding local law 225
- **$4 M** to support and sustain the full implementation of ongoing school and districtwide diversity plans.
- **$500,000** for data disaggregation

**Whole Child Investments**
- Invest in diverse college counselors (and bilingual college access supports for undocumented students)

**Truly Public and Fully Funded Schools**
- Make improvements in the Fair Student Funding weights and formula to improve on funding equity

**Supporting Educators**
- Invest in BIPOC educator pipelines, including bilingual and special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and social workers.

**Divest**

**Policing Our Students ($400 M)**
- Reduce School Policing Budget by 1/3 each year for the next 3 years
- Fully divest from metal-detection equipment, and camera-surveillance technology
- Disband School Safety Division

**Racist Curriculum and Books**
- Racist curriculum and book companies
- Curriculum and pedagogy that perpetuate white supremacist characteristics (e.g., objectivity and worship of written words)
- Majority white authors with white protagonists

**Privatization**
- Charter School expansion without accountability & transparency
- Predatory education technologies and privatization of educational programs
- Collecting of student data through digital platforms without consent

**High Stakes Testing**
- Standardized testing known to be racially biased
- Test Prep that perpetuates the scarcity mindset
- Low-Quality Tutoring services
- Use of test scores for admissions and other decisions important to students
- Testing 4-year-olds to determine their “giftedness”

**Segregationist Policies**
- Racist Admissions Policies: Sorting students by grades and/or test scores into segregated, separate tracks within schools (honors programs, G&T programs, etc.)
- Aggregating enrollment and other data, which masks educational inequities and mischaracterizes communities as monolithic, leading to the upholding of segregative policies and practices.