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Without the City Council's restorations and investments, CUNY's community colleges could not have continued to provide quality education over the last three years. Facing deep cuts from the state and a new round of proposed city cuts, CUNY students are depending on the Council once again.

Generations of working students—many of them low-income, Black, Hispanic, and Asian—have gotten their start at CUNY. Without more help from the City Council, today's students may not get their chance.

Restore and Enhance Community College Operating Support: \$63.1 million

The Mayor's Preliminary Budget and additional reductions propose approximately \$37.2 million fewer dollars for community colleges compared to the FY2011 adopted budget. In addition to this *direct* funding decrease, are \$25.9 million in unfunded mandatory expense increases for the colleges that arise from inflation, enrollment growth and programmatic expansion. For example, the Mayor's budget authorizes funding for the New Community College Initiative, but cuts overall funding for the community colleges' base budget.

Continue to Fund Programs Supported by the City Council: \$19.6 million

Council-funded programs such as the Vallone Scholarships, Safety Net financial aid, Black Male Initiative, Murphy Institute for Worker Education, Center for Puerto Rican Studies, the Dominican Studies Institutes and Creative Arts Team provide a gateway to opportunity and a better future. The Mayor would zero out funding for these programs. PSC proposes restoring to 2009 levels.

Make Up for the Lost State Aid to Community Colleges: \$12.3 million

After three years of state funding cuts, CUNY students already face larger classes, a shortage of full-time faculty, fewer available courses and higher tuition. The enacted state budget includes another \$12.3 million cut to base aid for CUNY community colleges. Without restoration of these critical funds, CUNY students will see the quality of their education further degraded.

Capital Budget Enhancement and Critical Maintenance Needs

After years of enrollment growth and deferred maintenance, CUNY community college facilities need sustained capital investment to address serious conditions: deteriorating facades at LaGuardia and Hostos Community Colleges, green water flowing from the fountains at Bronx Community College, and an inadequate sprinkler/standpipe system at Queensborough Community College are only a few examples. Capital funds must be budgeted for CUNY.