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BRONX BOROUGH OFFICE

WEEKLY UPDATE

MAYOR'S BUDGET INCLUDES \$450 MILLION SCHOOL CUTS

Last year the mayor and the City Council matched the historic commitment that the state made to reverse the chronic, multi-generational under-funding of the New York City public schools by agreeing to a \$2.2 billion increase over four years. Today the city broke that promise to kids. The city on May 1 reversed the approximately \$450 million it had promised in the 2008 adopted budget.

In response, a coalition of parents, educators, and elected officials from across the city gathered this afternoon in opposition to the \$450 million in cuts to education funding that would reduce or eliminate services and programs in many Bronx schools and in schools throughout the city. The Coalition will also announce an advertising campaign urging New York City residents to ask the Mayor to keep his promise and fund the city's public schools.

A Coalition of Bronx elected officials, representatives of the

"Keep the Promises" Coalition of organizations fighting to restore budget cuts proposed for New York City public schools including UFT President Randi Weingarten; Campaign for Fiscal Equity; Alliance for Quality Education; ACORN; New York City Coalition for Education Justice, along with parents, teachers and students will come together to denounce an executive budget that demonstrates the wrong choices and priorities for the city, and makes it harder for our children to thrive.

The Coalition will also announce an advertising campaign aimed at holding the City accountable to its promise to help New York City kids succeed. Radio, TV, and print advertisements highlight that while New York State is keeping its investment promise to help students get the education they need, the city has not fulfilled its word and asks New York City residents to tell the Mayor and the City Council to keep their pledge and fund public schools.



United Federation of Teachers
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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 10

8am

UFT SPRING CONFERENCE

New York Hilton

1335 Avenue of the Americas

MAY 17

5pm

AFT/NYS BLACK CAUCUS

"KIDS WHO COOK" FUNDRAISER

Bronx UFT

MAY 27

4pm

25/55 OPT-IN MEETING

Bronx UFT

MAY 30

7pm

"DANCING WITH THE STAFF"

UFT DISASTER RELIEF FUNDRAISER

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For more information,

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BRONX RALLY VIDEO ON THE WEB

The Bronx UFT has put up our latest video of the Keep The Promises Rally from May 1 on You Tube. To check it out, go to

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NTFW_Otkes



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