

# SAFETY FOR ALL STUDENTS

*Public Charter School Students Deserve Access to Security Guards*

Hundreds of schools serving tens of thousands of NYC students have been left out of a program that provides funding to hire school safety agents. Every student should feel safe from violence in and around their schools, and schools should feel equipped to support public health inside the building and public safety outside of their building.

**It is long overdue for NYC to provide publicly funded security guards to ALL public charter schools!**

## Over 70,000 Public Charter School Students Are Excluded from School Safety

There are approximately 216 public charter schools in private space, serving over 70,000 students, that are not able to access the School Safety Guard Program. In addition, non-public schools with fewer than 300 students are not currently eligible for reimbursement.

These excluded public charter schools educate primarily low-income students of color: 90% of charter school students are Black or Latino; 79% of NYC charter school students are economically disadvantaged.

Borough	Economically Disadvantaged		Black Students		Latino Students		# of Charter Campuses in Private Space	# of Enrolled Students
	charter	district	charter	district	charter	district		
Bronx	85%	83%	37%	23%	57%	64%	77	24,689
Brooklyn	74%	71%	61%	27%	27%	30%	51	19,242
Manhattan	80%	61%	43%	17%	48%	44%	52	13,689
Queens	70%	68%	47%	14%	35%	41%	26	9,782
Staten Island	74%	58%	32%	12%	45%	30%	10	2,666
<b>Total</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>70,068</b>

Source: NYSED Preliminary Enrollment Data 2022-23

### There is a simple solution.

The City Council should amend the School Safety Guard Program to include all charter schools in private space, along with non-public schools that serve less than 300 students. An amendment has already been introduced (Intro 98/2022) to increase the annual fund from \$19.8 million to \$39.3 million; this will ensure enough funding to include all public charter and non-public schools.

“Our tax dollars should protect all our children.”

Mayor Eric Adams as Brooklyn Borough President, 2018\*

\* Charter school advocates' next push: Funding for school security, May 22, 2018, available at <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2018/5/22/21105029/charter-schools-advocates-next-push-funding-for-school-security>