

**Letter for Sign On:**

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New York City Department of Education Leadership & Families  
CC: New York City Public Schools Community

**RE: No Hate in New York City Schools**

All New York City students deserve equal access to enriching and full educational experiences at school. To achieve that, they must be treated with dignity and respect, and feel safe and supported in every school space, from the classroom to the lunchroom, every day.

The New York City Department of Education's leadership must continue to reject the divisive attacks of the Trump administration targeting New York City students, in order to support *all* students. We must reject the use of federal funding as a weapon to enforce hatred and bigotry. Our schools need to be places of inclusion, not exclusion. Using financial resources meant for our children and their education as leverage to discriminate is unacceptable – and illegal in both New York State and New York City.

Since the launch of the *Respect for All* program in 2007, New York City has taken important steps to ensure safe, inclusive, and affirming learning environments. The Department of Education has furthered this commitment over the past nearly 20 years through Chancellor's Regulations, Guidelines, and policy advancements, all providing critical frameworks for affirming student identity and preventing discrimination. These protections and policies are not optional: they are essential.

To the leaders, educators, and community members who have stood firm in solidarity, upholding and reaffirming the values of equity, safety, and respect—your unwavering commitment does not go unnoticed, and we thank you wholeheartedly for your courageous support. Through your collective commitment to inclusion, New York City continues to be a beacon of dignity, safety, and wellness for its students.

We are proud of leadership that unites us. Leadership that listens, includes, and uplifts every student. We have that in Chancellor Aviles-Ramos, in the leadership at the Office of Safety and Youth Development, in the Panel for Education Policy, and in our City Council. It is because of their strength, prioritizing the dignity and respect of our students, that we are able to have schools where every student, regardless of race, gender, income, ability, or immigration status, can learn and thrive.

We need DOE leadership to keep on standing behind parents, students, and educators, not any sole individual who can be swayed by self-interest or political relevance. Your superintendents, principals, counselors, classroom teachers, librarians, GSA advisors, and so many others all count on you to have the kids in their care be your top priority. *Every leader* must ensure that

*every student*, regardless of their background or identity, is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

We have your backs. We will never stop fighting for the safety, rights, freedoms, and joy of young people. We hope you won't either. In solidarity, we find our strength. When we stand together, our people power is unstoppable, and our voices cannot be ignored.

In Solidarity,

### **Signatories [Updated 10.8.25]**

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139 for Palestine  
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ACT UP NY  
Ali Forney Center  
Alliance for Quality Education  
Aunties & Friends 4 Liberation  
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center  
Caribbean Equality Project  
CEC 9  
Center for Family Life in Sunset Park  
Chosen Family Law Center  
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York  
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families  
Community Education Council 4  
D30 Standing With Trans Kids  
Dads for All  
Decriminalize Sex Work (DSW)  
EduColor  
EPIC Academy  
Families for Change NYC  
Free to Be Youth Project-UJC  
Girls for Gender Equity (GGE)  
GMHC  
Gotham Cheer  
GSA Network  
Harlem Pride, Inc.  
Hetrick-Martin Institute  
Housing Works, Inc.  
Human Rights Campaign  
Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn

Librarians = Literacy  
Make the Road New York  
Muse Artx  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
National Queer Theater  
New Alternatives  
New Alternatives for Homeless LGBTQ Youth  
New York Civil Liberties Union  
New York Collective of Radical Educators  
New York Transgender Advocacy Group (NYTAG)  
New Yorkers for Racially Just Public Schools (RJPS)  
Next Generation Men of Transition  
NYC Pride  
NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams  
NYC-JVP  
P.O.G.E.K. (Parents of Gender Expansive Kids)  
Parents Supporting Parents NY  
People's Early Childhood  
Pride Center of Staten Island  
Prism Counseling & Advocacy  
Queens Forward Democratic Club  
Right To Be  
Sadie Nash Leadership Project  
Safe Horizon  
SAGE -Advocacy and Services for LGBTQ+ Elders  
Stonewall Democratic Club of NYC  
The Circle Keepers  
The Gender and Family Project  
The Health & Housing Consortium  
The Legal Aid Society  
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center ("The Center")  
The People's Plan NYC  
Trans Equity Consulting  
Transexual Menace New York City  
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