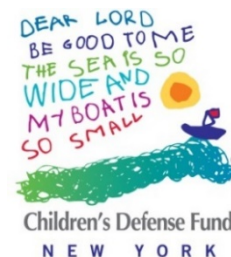


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## AS STUDENTS DEMAND INVESTMENTS IN TRANSFORMATIVE RESOURCES, CITY GROWS SCHOOL POLICING BUDGET



In March of 2018, the City held a youth town hall on school safety where many students, including a youth member of the education justice team of the Children's Defense Fund – New York, called for meaningful student support services and [spoke of feeling criminalized](#) in their schools.

Four months later, the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget released "Supporting Schedules" for the Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget. Supporting Schedules itemize the positions, salaries and other than personal services budgets for all City agencies. The new [Supporting Schedules](#) outline the modified Fiscal Year 2018 budget, and details that **the NYPD's School Safety Division budget was adjusted and grew to include over \$306 million for the last fiscal year – the largest it has ever been and over \$19 million more expensive than what was adopted in 2017.**

	City Spending July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	
	<i>School Safety Division</i>	<i>Police Department</i>
Current Modified 2018 Plan <i>Published June 18, 2018</i>	\$306,728,993 <sup>1</sup>	\$5,889,539,378
Adopted 2018 Plan <i>Published June 8, 2017</i>	\$287,208,304 <sup>2</sup>	\$5,571,630,860
<i>Change in Spending:</i>	+ \$19,520,689 + 6.8%	+\$317,908,518 + 5.7%

- » The modified plan grew the School Safety Division budget by 6.8%, while the NYPD's overall budget grew by 5.7%.
- » The \$19 million increase is almost entirely attributable to the cost of salaries; the OTPS (other than personal services) budget line stayed the same.

Through a 1998 Memorandum of Understanding, the Department of Education (DOE) essentially contracted out school security to the NYPD. As a result, the DOE pays the NYPD through an intra-city payment each year.

	City Spending on School Safety July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	
	<i>Intra-City Payment</i>	<i>City Funds</i>
Current Modified 2018 Plan <i>Published June 18, 2018</i>	\$278,129,169	\$23,695,976
Adopted 2018 Plan <i>Published June 8, 2017</i>	\$258,600,021	\$23,704,435
<i>Change in Spending:</i>	+\$19,529,148	-\$8,459

- » This \$19 million increase in school security funding was paid for by the DOE.

The new Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget accounts for 4,833 School Safety Agents – an increase of 187 agents from the Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget – as well as an increase in 16 police officers for the School Safety Division of the NYPD. The budget reflects the NYPD's goal of growing the School Safety Division to include 5,511 total positions.

**At a time when there are only 2,800 full-time guidance counselors and students are calling for investments in their wellbeing, the City must not continue to divert valuable resources away from remedies to the school-to-prison pipeline.**

<sup>1</sup> This is the sum of \$301,825,145 in personal services and \$4,903,848 in other than personal services. See page 735 and 826 respectively <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/ss6-18.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> This is the sum of \$282,304,456 in personal services and \$4,903,848 in other than personnel services. See page 722 and 813 respectively <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/ss6-17.pdf>.