



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ERIC L. ADAMS  
President

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Mayor Bill de Blasio  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Contracts for CUNY Faculty and Professional Staff

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

I am writing to you in support of the necessary state funding to settle the contractual disputes with CUNY faculty and professional staff. I ask that you please urge the Legislature and the Governor to provide this funding.

Before being elected to the Brooklyn Borough Presidency, I had a humble beginning as a CUNY student at both City Tech and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I know I would not have been able to rise to where I am today had it not been for the affordable education I received at these great establishments. I am also pleased to state that many members of my staff are the proud result of CUNY schools. Suffice it to say, I am a major advocate for the CUNY system and its staff.

For the aforementioned reasons, I request that we make it a priority to get the funding necessary to tackle this problem. Faculty and professional staff have been without a contract since 2010, and their salaries are no longer competitive nationally or regionally. Top-quality professors are now reluctant to accept positions at CUNY. It has come to my attention that some faculty members have even left or are considering leaving for positions at other colleges.

Unaddressed, this situation will undermine the quality of education for hundreds of thousands of current and future students. We must stop this before we do irreparable damage to our CUNY schools.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams  
Brooklyn Borough President

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