

# NEW DEAL FOR CUNY

## A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR A FREE, FULLY FUNDED CUNY

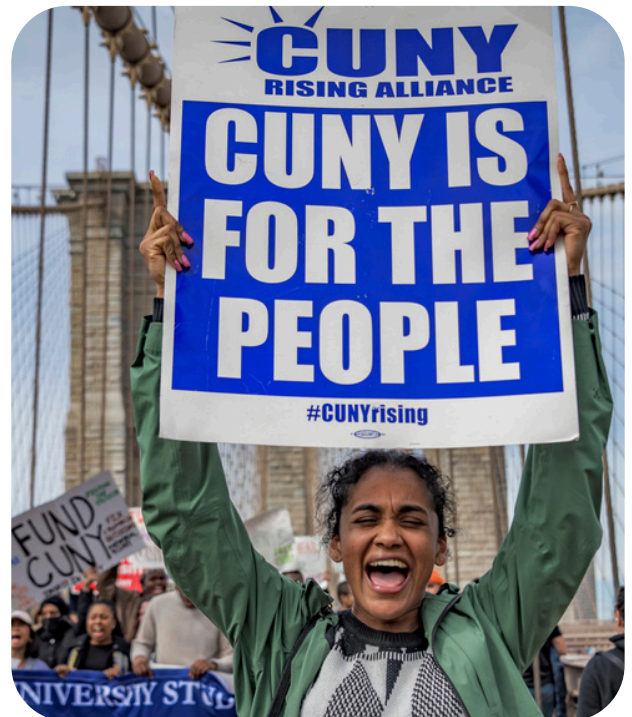
**What We've Achieved:** Thanks to Governor Hochul and state legislative allies, \$500M in new operating money, including funding for 540 new full-time faculty, has been allocated to CUNY in the last four years, and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) has been expanded and improved. We've turned a corner on CUNY funding and proven that a New Deal for CUNY is achievable.

### **YEAR ONE OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO FUND THE NEW DEAL FOR CUNY:**

- **Fully fund CUNY's mandatory needs and invest in the people who make CUNY work.** More faculty and staff are needed to increase graduation rates, advise and counsel students, and advance the vision of the New Deal for CUNY.
- **Enact the Share Our Wealth Platform to tax corporations and the ultra rich.** Increase New York's top tax rates for those earning over \$5 million and over \$25 million by 0.5%, and increase the corporate tax rate by 1.75% to generate up to \$3 billion in new revenue.
- **Make progress toward free tuition by supporting the New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship.** CUNY estimates that Governor Hochul's scholarship, which would pay the costs of two-year college for certain applicants in high-demand fields, will bring 3,500 new students to CUNY.

## CUNY needs a \$198.5 million increase over the Governor's FY 2026 budget

1000 Full-time Faculty	\$87 Million
55 Academic Advisors	\$8 Million
40 Mental Health Counselors	\$7.5 Million
<b>New Deal for CUNY Year-One Investments</b>	<b>\$102.5 Million</b>
Fully fund Mandatory Needs: + \$40.3M in fringe benefits; +\$34M in unfunded operating support	\$74.3 Million
Increase funding floor allocation for Community College Base Aid	\$11.7 Million
Expand nursing program capacity	\$10 Million
<b>Other Critical Investments</b>	<b>\$96 Million</b>
<b>Total Increase Over the Executive Budget for FY 2026</b>	<b>\$198.5 Million</b>
<b>Needed Capital Investment in FY 2026</b>	<b>\$1.8 Billion</b>



# The New Deal for CUNY calls for a \$1.2B investment in CUNY over five years to ensure high quality, free education.



## Five Year Plan To fund the New Deal for CUNY

New Deal for CUNY Priorities (Over 5-year period)	First Year Investment*	Total Cost
Hire 5,000 full-time faculty	\$87M	\$435.1M
Hire 275 academic advisors	\$8M	\$40M
Hire 200 mental health counselors	\$7.5M	\$37.3M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102.5M</b>	<b>\$512.4M</b>
<b>First 60 Credits Free</b>		<b>\$700M</b>

\*First Year Investment assumes hiring of 1,000 FT faculty, 55 academic advisors, and 40 mental health counselors

CUNY is vastly understaffed and depends heavily on part-time, adjunct faculty. Our 6-year graduation rate at senior colleges of 62% is well below the national average; our community college 3-year graduation rate of 23% also trails the national average.

Enacting the New Deal for CUNY (S2274/A1727) will increase graduation rates by giving students the support they need. In five years, we can achieve an academic advisor-to-student ratio of 1 to 150 and a mental health counselor-to-student ratio of 1 to 500. We can make sure students have the classes they need to graduate, eliminate CUNY's full-time faculty shortage, and return the majority of faculty positions to living wage jobs that allow CUNY workers to stay in New York.

Governor Hochul's Opportunity Promise Scholarship is worthy of support but 60 free credits for all students is our goal under the New Deal for CUNY. The legislation would also invest the capital money necessary to prevent a crumbling CUNY.

### **Legislators: Help Advance the New Deal for CUNY!**

- **Get active with the CUNY Caucus!**
- **Support the Share Our Wealth platform of tax reforms.**
- **Make increased CUNY funding a top priority in the FY26 budget.**