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Dear Eric Crump,

Community Board 11 supports the Resolution to Terminate the New York Police Department (NYPD) Contract and Return the Division of School Safety to the Department of Education (DOE) put forth by the Community Education Council District 4 (CEC D4) on June 10, 2020.

The Resolution not only calls for the Division of School Safety to be transferred entirely to the DOE, but also urges the Mayor to divest from policing in schools by reducing the NYPD budget and reinvesting the savings in education. Further, the resolution calls on the DOE to provide School Safety Agents with professional development and training in restorative justice and social emotional learning.

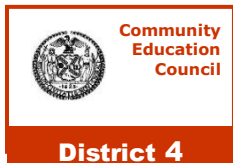
CEC D4's Resolution to Terminate NYPD Contract and Return the Division of School Safety to the DOE aligns with CB11's position to reduce and redirect the NYPD Budget by \$1.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2021. We maintain that the budget must not be balanced on the backs of the most vulnerable, namely the youth in East Harlem and across New York City.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at chair@cb11m.org.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama
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Community Board 11

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Resolution to Terminate NYPD Contract and Return the Division of School Safety to the DOE

On June 10, 2020, The Community Education Council – District 4 held a meeting, Present were Eric Crump, Anand Raghunath, Kaliris Salas-Ramirez, Kasha Cacy, Rosa Diaz, David Giordano, Kimberly Tyre, Teisha Mckoy, Clara Alvarez, Ana Santos. After reviewing evidence and facts, CEC 4 members unanimously passed the following resolution.

1. WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) is responsible for all interactions students have with adults in our school buildings in order to promote a positive school climate;
2. WHEREAS, many school safety officers in District 4 schools are beloved and trusted members of a school community and provide security and safety of students, faculty, and visitors.
3. WHEREAS, recent actions of officers in the New York Police Department (NYPD) and its history of disparate policing based on zip code and racial demographic run directly counter to the DOE’s vision of Equity and Excellence for All;
4. WHEREAS, there are over three times as many police officers as social workers in New York City public school buildings, and almost twice as many police officers as guidance counselors;
5. WHEREAS, the presence of police officers in schools has been shown to result in more arrests for minor offenses, such as disorderly conduct, and along with metal detectors contributes

to the criminalization of young people in New York City, especially students of color, immigrant students, Muslim students, queer students, and students with disabilities;

6. WHEREAS, the presence of police officers in schools imposes a climate of fear and intimidation in school communities, especially among Black students, that inhibits schools from providing a nurturing, inspiring, and rigorous learning experience;

7. WHEREAS, Minneapolis Board of Education voted to terminate its contract with the police department for school resource officers;

8. WHEREAS, Mayor Bill de Blasio previously rejected a proposal by the School Diversity Advisory Group to study moving the Division of School Safety back to the Department of Education;

9. WHEREAS, since Mayor Bill de Blasio took office in 2014, the school safety division budget has grown over 23%, according to figures from the Independent Budget Office;

10. WHEREAS, funding for School Safety is \$427.3 million in the Fiscal 2021 Preliminary Budget, an increase of \$19.7 million from the Fiscal 2020 Adopted Budget. Though this increase is entirely to support the increased cost of existing staff due to collective bargaining agreements and there is no budgeted increase in headcount, a total of \$303.8 million is budgeted to go directly to the NYPD;

11. WHEREAS, the Mayor has outlined more than \$800 million in cuts to the New York City DOE budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and

12. WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Budget defunds \$1.3 million for Restorative Justice and \$1.8 million for social emotional supports;

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1. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council District 4 (CECD4) urges the New York City Department of Education to immediately terminate its contract with the New York City Police Department; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CECD4 requests that the Division of School Safety be transferred to the NYC Department of Education;

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CECD4 urges the Mayor divest from policing in schools by reducing the NYPD budget and investing the cost savings in education;

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CECD4 urges the Chancellor to immediately provide professional development in restorative justice and social emotional learning to School Safety Agents; and

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CECD4 believes that members of the NYPD, or any other police force, should enter New York City school buildings only to address acts of violence and/or threats to physical safety.

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