

Historically, the City University of New York has served a unique role in New York and in the nation by providing the poor with access to higher education. Founded in 1847, its original mandate was to serve the "children of the people" and in keeping with this mission, provided free higher education to New York residents.

The past 15 years have witnessed a drastic decline in state and city support for CUNY. This year, Governor Cuomo proposes a \$92 million cut in state aid to CUNY; a \$500 tuition hike in addition to an already authorized \$200 increase; and massive cuts in financial aid. Students at the 19 CUNY campuses have resorted to strikes as a last ditch effort to protest cuts that will devastate their campuses, and price thousands of financially strapped students out of higher education.

Please sign in support of the CUNY student strikers who have seized academic buildings across the city in protest of these cuts.

We, the undersigned, support CUNY student strikers who protest a proposed \$92 million cut in state aid to CUNY; a \$500 tuition hike; and massive cuts in financial aid. We understand that their seizure of academic buildings across the city expresses their outrage over the seriousness of the proposed cuts, and their desperation over the failure of other methods to draw attention to their plight.

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