



For Immediate Release: February 07, 2019

Contact: Elysia Murphy (212) 673-1800 x18 emurphy@cccnewyork.org

**Statement by Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
Executive Director Jennifer March
Regarding the City Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget**

New York, NY -- We appreciate the City administration's desire to be prudent in the face of fiscal uncertainty that results from proposed state cost shifts, threats of another federal shutdown, or general concerns about a softening of the overall economy. However, no one feels uncertainty more than low-income children and families across New York City. As Preliminary Budget hearings commence and the city administration works toward the release of the CFY'20 Executive Budget, due in late April, we urge the administration to take immediate action to:

- Promote economic equity and school preparedness by investing in salary parity for the early childhood workforce.
- Combat family homelessness by expanding investments in preventive and after care services to homeless families and increasing affordable housing set asides.
- Promote school success by providing universal and year-round afterschool programming and expanding Bridging the Gap Social Workers.
- Address the unmet mental health needs of children and families by investing in community-based behavioral health services.

To be the fairest big city in the nation, we must both protect and prioritize these services and supports to ensure every child in every family is health, housed, educated and safe.

About Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York educates and mobilizes New Yorkers to make the city a better place for children. Since 1944, our advocacy has combined public policy research and data analysis with citizen action. We cast light on the issues, educate the public, engage allies, and identify and promote practical solutions to ensure that every New York City child is healthy, housed, educated and safe. For more information on CCC, visit our web site at www.cccnewyork.org. Stay up to date on the latest news and information regarding the well-being of New York City's children by following us on Facebook and Twitter.