



Memorandum of Support Funding for the new CUNY SCHOOL of LABOR and URBAN STUDIES

BUDGET ITEM

A Brief History

Since 1995, the NYS Legislature has provided funds for CUNY's Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies

- In August 2012, the NYS AFL-CIO adopted a resolution calling upon CUNY to re-constitute the Murphy Institute as a CUNY School
- In January 2013, the 20 unions represented on Murphy's Labor Advisory Board asked the State legislature to provide \$6.1 million (in three incremental stages) to support the new School
- In April 2017, the Legislature allocated \$1.5 million to support the establishment of the School
- In July 2017, the CUNY Board of Trustees adopted a resolution calling for a new School of Labor and Urban Studies as the 25 unit and 7th professional School of the City University of New York
- In September 2018, the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies opened its doors to its first class of students

A Mandate

The School of Labor and Urban Studies has a three-part mandate:

1. Expand higher educational opportunities for working adults while meeting the workforce development needs of the City and State
2. Prepare the next generation of labor and community leaders and scholars
3. Serve the educational needs of the labor movement and broader community

An "Ask"

Stage II funding (the current stage) requires \$6 million. Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget includes \$2 million in funding for the new School. The School's Advisory Board (see list of members on opposite side) is requesting \$4 million from the Legislature in FY 2019-20 (\$1.6 million in restoration and \$2.4 million in new money). Funding will allow the School to hire new faculty, develop new programs, and increase student enrollment.

Support Stage II funding for the CUNY School of LABOR and Urban Studies

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