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Hon. Sandra Escamilla-Davies  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Youth & Community Development  
2 Lafayette Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Commissioner Escamilla-Davies:

At its Full Board meeting on June 18, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution Supporting Continued Funding for the K–8 Beacon Afterschool Program at City-As-School**

#### **Whereas:**

1. The NYC Department of Youth and Community Development ([DYCD](#)) provides hundreds of free after-school programs for K-12 students and should be a critical component of Mayor Mamdani's Free Childcare for All.
2. DYCD's programs keep children safe, accelerate academic growth, and save families thousands of dollars in childcare costs, and provide a critical safety net that allows parents to maintain their careers;
3. The majority of K-5 after school programs are fee-based but the free Beacon program fills a need for free after school programming, critically important for working families;
4. The K–8 [Beacon Youth Afterschool Program](#) operating at City-As-School is one of these programs and provides a free, safe, structured, and enriching environment for children during afterschool hours;
5. The Beacon program primarily serves K-5 students from PS 3. For the 2025-2026 school year, 90 PS 3 students enrolled in the Beacon program but when the program required attendance five days a week, enrollment dropped to 17. Most after school programs, typically, do not require daily attendance;
6. PS 3 families have relied on the Beacon program to provide supervision, academic support, mentorship, recreational opportunities, social-emotional learning, and positive youth development opportunities;

7. Working parents and caregivers depend on the program in order to maintain employment, support their households, and avoid the significant financial burden of private childcare;
8. The closure of the program would leave many families without a free or affordable alternative for afterschool care and could force parents to reduce work hours, decline employment opportunities, or make difficult childcare arrangements;
9. The loss of the program would disproportionately affect low-income families and those already facing barriers to accessing quality after school services; and,
10. The program contributes directly to student success, family stability, and the overall well-being of the community.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board 2 supports the continued operation of the free K–8 Beacon Youth Afterschool Program at City-As-School and urges the City of New York, the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, elected officials, and other relevant agencies to identify and secure the funding necessary to maintain the program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 2 calls upon all relevant stakeholders to work collaboratively to ensure that children and families continue to have access to this essential community resource and that no interruption in services occurs due to funding shortfalls.

Vote: Unanimous, with 36 Members voting.

CB2M respectfully requests that DYCD take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted -



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Community Board 2 / Manhattan

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