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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Governor's SFY 2017-18 Executive Budget Proposal. I urge you to support the Governor's allocation of \$20 million in the FY 18 Executive Budget to continue funding for the **Extended Learning Time** (ELT) grant program administered by the New York State. Schools and their partners have used these innovative funds to develop new models of teaching and learning that benefit students and their families. Every student receives 25% more learning time, used to reinforce lessons, provide personalized academic support and offer engaging enrichment. Funds from the ELT grant are used to leverage other funding sources – including city, state, federal and private funds - to support quality learning opportunities. Since receiving the grant, the majority of ELT schools posted an increase in ELA proficiency and half the schools posted an increase in math that surpassed citywide changes. New York State's ELT schools serve a higher proportion of students with disabilities and students living in poverty compared to non-ELT schools.

Expanded learning time programs provide students an opportunity to access high-quality arts, athletics and academic programs that help them stay engaged in schools. Additionally, expanded learning programs are a critical workforce support that communities rely on. Families count on afternoon learning opportunities to keep their kids safe and supervised while at work or searching for work. These programs also employ community members through their local community based organization in various roles such as directors, activity specialists, social workers and administrative staff. Employees are provided with competitive wages and flexible schedules. Through professional development, the expanded learning field moves employees from entry level skills to more advanced skill sets, preparing them for careers in education, social service and beyond.

The \$20 million investment in the FY 2018 state budget through the Extended Learning Time grant program is critical to the success of the children in some of New York's highest needs neighborhoods. It is vital that ELT schools can continue to showcase a model that supports students.

Communities with State ELT-funded schools are Yonkers, Rochester, Syracuse, East Ramapo, Beekmantown, and New York City.



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New York City State ELT-funded schools:

- **31R051: IS 51 & Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, Staten Island**
 - State Senator – Andrew Lanza
 - State Assemblymember – Matthew Titone
- **09X361: Highbridge Green School & WHEDco, Bronx**
 - State Senator – Jose Serrano
 - State Assemblymember – Latoya Joyner
- **09X241: Urban Assembly Schools for Applied Math and Science & Wingspan Arts, Bronx**
 - State Senator – Gustavo Rivera
 - State Assemblymember – Michael Blake
- **17K354: The School of Integrated Learning & Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation, Brooklyn**
 - State Senator – Velmanette Montgomery
 - State Assemblymember – Tremaine Wright
- **07X296: South Bronx Academy for Applied Media & Good Shepherd Services, Bronx**
 - State Senator – Rueben Diaz Sr.
 - State Assemblymember – Michael Blake
- **07X223: The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology & Arete, Bronx**
 - State Senator – Jose Serrano
 - State Assemblymember – Carmen Arroyo
- **24Q077: IS 77 & Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Queens**
 - State Senator – Michael Gianaris
 - State Assemblymember – Michael Miller
- **17K340: IS 340 & University Settlement, Brooklyn**
 - State Senator – Jesse Hamilton
 - State Assemblymember – Jo Anne Simon