

## **School Lunch Price Resolution**

**Whereas** Mayor Bloomberg has announced his intention to increase the price of school lunch by 67% from 1.50 to 2.50 as part of a plan to close the City's budget gap.

**Whereas** the Panel for Educational body has a statutory responsibility to advise the chancellor on matters of student welfare

**Whereas** the NYC board of education serves, on average, 633K lunches each day including 487K Free lunches, 50K at reduced cost and 96K at full price.

**Whereas** high school and many middle school students have the option of leaving school premises to purchase lunch outside of the cafeteria. The laws of supply and demand dictate that a price shock of 67% will depress demand for school lunch with many families turning to other, less nutritious alternatives.

**Whereas** elementary school students will bear the full weight of the price shock

**Whereas** cost savings, if required can be obtained from numerous other measures including testing and consulting contracts.

**Resolved**, the Panel for Education Policy calls on the chancellor to engage the mayor and his budget staff to present the problems inherent in his proposal and instead work with the mayor and City Council leadership on a budget that does not penalize our youngest students.