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Urban Youth Collaborative Slams Mayor Adams' 2023 State of the City

NEW YORK, NY— In response to Mayor Eric Adams' 2023 State of the City Address, [Urban Youth Collaborative](#), a student-led coalition of NYC youth organizing groups, released the following statement:

“Mayor Adams has again made clear with these draconian policies that he cares more about putting the NYPD first than listening to students’ needs. The mayor’s plan to invest \$370 million to increase police presence in schools, which also includes \$42 million to fund 500 vacant school cop positions, will further police and criminalize Black, Brown and low-income students and make it even harder for us to succeed in the classroom and beyond. And while the mayor touched on mental health support in schools, his budget paints a different picture about his priorities as he funds more full-time school cop positions than social workers or guidance counselors. Additionally, we know the NYPD is actively recruiting for more school cops to fulfill the Chancellor and mayor’s commitment to [hire 850 new school cops](#) throughout this school year.

“The City Council has a responsibility to stop this budget. Students will keep fighting for a future where we fully divest from school policing and invest in care.”