

DESPITE STUDENT-DRIVEN ADVOCACY, CITY CONTINUES TO GROW SCHOOL POLICING BUDGET



At the same time as [students rallied](#) in front of the Department of Education with [demands](#) that included funding counselors not cops in schools, the City released the [February 2019 Financial Plan](#), outlining that the budget for the School Safety Division of the NYPD (SSD) has grown [yet again](#). According to the new Preliminary Budget documents, **the SSD budget for Fiscal Year 2019 was adjusted and grew to include over \$314.8 million – the largest it has ever been and over \$27 million more expensive than what was adopted in 2018.**

City Spending July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

	School Safety Division	Police Department
Current Modified Budget for FY19 <i>Published February 7, 2019</i>	\$314,826,737 ¹	\$5,526,381,919
Adopted Budget for FY19 <i>Published February 7, 2019</i>	\$287,445,619 ²	\$5,324,333,516
<i>Change in Spending:</i>	+\$27,381,118 +9.5%	+\$202,048,403 +3.8%

→ Through a 1998 Memorandum of Understanding, the Department of Education (DOE) essentially contracts out school security to the NYPD. As a result, funds for school policing pass through the DOE's budget to the NYPD through an intra-city payment every year:

DOE Payments to the NYPD, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

	Adopted Budget FY19 <i>Published June 18, 2018</i>	Modified FY19 <i>Published February 7, 2019</i>	Change
Contractual Services	\$283,033,017	\$290,894,391	+\$7,861,374
Contractual Services Fringe	\$105,695,509	\$112,184,382	+\$6,488,873
<i>Total for School Safety</i>	<i>\$388,728,526</i>	<i>\$403,078,773</i>	<i>+\$14,350,247</i>

→ The June 2018 Adopted budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 set to pass the NYPD \$388.7 million for school safety contractual services and fringe, but was adjusted and grew by \$14.3 million.

DOE Payments to the NYPD, FY19 to FY20

	Modified FY19 Budget <i>Published February 7, 2019</i>	FY20 Estimates <i>Published February 7, 2019</i>	Change
Contractual Services	\$290,894,391	\$288,988,927	-\$1,895,464
Contractual Services Fringe	\$112,184,382	\$118,331,367	+\$6,146,985
<i>Total for School Safety</i>	<i>\$403,078,773</i>	<i>\$407,330,294</i>	<i>+\$4,251,521</i>

→ Further, the NYPD supplemented the intra-city payment with an additional \$24,018,449 of city funds, bringing the projected FY2020 spending on school-based policing to a total of \$431,348,743. Importantly, this does not include the cost of patrol officers or other NYPD officers who police schools.

At this political moment when students are calling for investments in restorative practices, guidance counselors, and social workers, the City must not continue to divert valuable resources away from remedies to the school-to-prison pipeline.

¹ This is the sum of \$309,922,889 in personal service and \$4,903,848 in other than personal service. See page 29E, <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/perc2-19.pdf>.

² This is the sum of \$282,541,771 in personal service and \$4,903,848 in other than personal service. See page 29E, <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/perc2-19.pdf>.