

Annual Report 2023

New York State Senate Standing Committee on NYC Education

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senate Majority Leader
NYS Capitol Building, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Re: 2023 Annual Report for the New York City Education Committee

Dear Madam Leader,

It was my pleasure and honor to serve as Chair of the New York City Education Committee this year. The following is the Committee Report for 2023.

School governance in New York City remains one of the priorities of the Committee this year. We worked closely with the State Department of Education on the school governance study provided for in 2022 legislation, extending mayoral control. As mayoral control is set to expire in June 2024, the study, along with hearings held by SED in each borough, will provide the Legislature with expert input on the effectiveness of mayoral control and its possible alternatives.

Reducing class sizes in NYC schools remains another major concern for the Committee. A chapter amendment passed this year provided New York with an additional year (for a total of six years) to come into compliance with class size requirements provided in the 2022 legislation. In its oversight capacity, the NYC Education Committee continues to monitor implementation of the law.

Many thanks to the Senate Democratic Majority for its support of the important work that was undertaken this year, to the members of the Committee for their ongoing commitment to education, and to you, Madam Leader, for your thoughtful and remarkable leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Liu'.

John C. Liu

New York City Education Committee Members

Senator John C. Liu, Chair

Senator Jabari Brisport

Senator Andrew J. Lanza,
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Committee Jurisdiction

The committee oversees provisions of the Education Law that exclusively impacts the school district of the City of New York, the largest public school system in the nation.

Summary of Committee Activity

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S19	GOUNARDES	Requires public schools in any city with a population over one million that have at least 25% of students practicing a religious faith with specific dietary restrictions to offer food options which meet such dietary restrictions.	Advanced to 3rd Reading
S911	LIU	Requires that all special education students attending schools scheduled to be closed or to undergo a significant change be assigned to new schools prior to the implementation of the closing or change.	Referred to Finance
S2075A	ADDABBO	Relates to certain school holidays; repeals Anniversary day.	Advanced to 3rd Reading A bill with similar intent: S7574 ADDABBO, establishing Diwali as a school holiday, was passed and signed chapter 629
S7399	FELDER	Includes remedial services, homework or childcare as the transportation responsibility of the city school district located in a city having a population of one million or more.	Passed Senate



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