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Subject: Budget Cut Press Conference 2-14-08

Dear colleagues,

Please enjoy your well-deserved break.

I have attached, as promised, my talking points at the recent press conference on City Hall Steps about the budget cuts.

Below is a link to WNYC, which covered this press conference, and included a quote from these remarks.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our students and families in ever more difficult times.

Claire

[Advocates Protest School Funding Cuts](#) (link)
WNYC - New York, NY, USA

Advocates Protest School Funding Cuts

Parents and immigrant-rights groups say Mayor Bloomberg is showing them no love with cuts to school budgets.

by Laura Silver

NEW YORK, NY February 15, 2008 —REPORTER: The groups say funding cuts will reduce English language classes for non-native speakers, who already have disproportionately high dropout rates.

Claire Sylvan, the executive director of the Internationals Network for Public Schools, says budget constraints will reduce enrichment programs for students from 90 countries who speak 55 languages.

SYLVAN: It breaks principals' hearts to make these cuts and it breaks our faculty's hearts to tell students we can't provide them.

REPORTER: The Education Department says despite the cuts, schools with high numbers of English-language learners will receive more funding this fiscal year than they've had in the past, thanks to earmarked funds.

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