

## City Hall Class Size Matters

### **Reduced class sizes cause...**

- Higher test Scores
- Better grades
- More engaged students
- Fewer disciplinary problems
- Less teacher turnover

### **Students in smaller classes...**

- Graduation from highschool on time
- Attend college
- Get STEM degrees
- Are more likely to own their own homes

### **The benefits of this plan are...**

- Substantial cost reductions
- Less special ED cases
- Boost grad rates
- Reduce need for intervention services

### **Personal Testimonies**

#### **Nadden:**

Currently, I am a private school student who has transferred from a public school. For all my life, in my public school and private school years, I have been learning in small class sizes. I feel small class sizes are beneficial as they allow me to connect to people within my community. Whenever I need help, it's available. I don't have to worry about not being able to ask for help because a teacher is too overwhelmed and has received too many students. I have had many opportunities due to the small class sizes in my school. Such include but aren't limited to: The science labs we have every week, the coordinated band that we have, various research opportunities and more. Small class sizes are beneficial to us, the students, and it should be something that everyone has access to.

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### **Eden's:**

Currently, I am a private school student that transferred from a charter school. For most of my life I went to a charter school where there were at least 30 students in a class and sometimes 60 students in a grade or 90 students in that grade. It would take awhile for a teacher to come and approach me and help me with my work if I needed help. Half the classes that I had in school I just received a packet that I needed to complete by the end of the class. Some class teachers were very strict towards students because of the class size and if they weren't as strict students would misbehave. There were only a couple sports available to students which were basketball and track and field. In 6th grade instead of having PE class in a regular gymnasium we had to have in a classroom smaller than the class I have Spanish today. In all the schools I attended before St. Luke's School we shared the entire building with at least 3 other schools. There were a total of 4 schools in one singular building, each sharing a single. Fortunately for me I did receive band lessons up to the 4th grade, and in 5th grade we had electives; however, it was not much. My parents and I both agree that coming to a private school and receiving the resources that I need and having a smaller class size was beneficial towards me. But it shouldn't take transferring to a private institution to receive high quality education in the greatest city in the world. I urge the city to take action, so that all students in New York City can have the benefit of a world class education. The student to teacher ratio matters. Lowering class size will have the most impact. Please put the money in the right place and hire more teachers!

### **Peter:**

I am a white, male, who has always gone to private school and has had more than enough resources throughout my years at school. I have always had the supplies students need for a healthy education. I have experienced a very different school life than many others, but I realize that everyone should have the safe and efficient conditions that some students have. It should not be so hard--in one of the greatest cities in the world--in one of the richest countries in the world--to accomplish this goal of providing all New York City students the education they deserve. A lower student-teacher ratio is proven to be a way of delivering high quality education. What is the city waiting for?