

AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL TRUST

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
   ) ss.:  
 COUNTY OF QUEENS     )

PAUL TRUST, being duly sworn, deposes, and states:

1. I am a certified music teacher, and I am assigned to teach at P.S. 39 in Park Slope, Brooklyn.
2. On the afternoon of June 13, 2022, I was informed of the budget cuts arising from the FY23 budget.
3. On June 13, 2022, I was called into my principal's office where my principal and assistant principal informed me that I should sit down, and I sensed something was gravely wrong.
4. My principal and assistant principal told me that because of the FY 2023 education budget cuts, our school was projected to lose close to \$500,000. However, they were hopeful that they had a strong case to advocate for the school to recover at least some of that funding loss.
5. My principal and assistant principal further told me that in calculating the amount of funding our school needed, the DOE severely underestimated our projected enrollment and that our actual projected enrollment numbers were far higher. They hoped that once they were allowed to advocate the case for our school, our funds would be restored.
6. My principal and assistant principal wanted to give myself and the other teachers full transparency so that I was aware of the "worst case scenario," namely, being excessed.
7. Unfortunately, the worst-case scenario is what has actually transpired as a result of the budget cuts. On July 15, 2022, after all attempts by the principal to restore enough of the

budget to maintain my position had been exhausted, I was informed by my principal that I would be excessed from my school along with the elimination of P.S. 39's entire music program.

Dated: July 26, 2022

Queens, New York



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Paul Trust

Sworn to before me this 26th day of July 2022.



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Notary Public

