Urban Youth Collaborative Slams Mayor Adams’ 2023 State of the City

NEW YORK, NY— In response to Mayor Eric Adams’ 2023 State of the City Address, Urban Youth Collaborative, a student-led coalition of NYC youth organizing groups, released the following statement:

“Mayor Adams has again made clear with these draconian policies that he cares more about putting the NYPD first than listening to students’ needs. The mayor’s plan to invest $370 million to increase police presence in schools, which also includes $42 million to fund 500 vacant school cop positions, will further police and criminalize Black, Brown and low-income students and make it even harder for us to succeed in the classroom and beyond. And while the mayor touched on mental health support in schools, his budget paints a different picture about his priorities as he funds more full-time school cop positions than social workers or guidance counselors. Additionally, we know the NYPD is actively recruiting for more school cops to fulfill the Chancellor and mayor’s commitment to hire 850 new school cops throughout this school year.

“The City Council has a responsibility to stop this budget. Students will keep fighting for a future where we fully divest from school policing and invest in care.”