

# **Eric Dinowitz Calls on Senate to Pass HEROES Act, Stresses Importance for School Funding**

THE BRONX, N.Y. - Eric Dinowitz, public school special education teacher, District Leader, and candidate for City Council in the 11th District, has issued the following statement on the need to pass the HEROES Act.

"The coronavirus pandemic is drastically impacting every corner of our society, and we need continued support from the federal government. Congressmembers have done their job, now we need the Senate to step up. I urge Senator Schumer and Senator McConnell to pass the much-needed HEROES Act, which includes critical funding for our schools. Senator McConnell's previous comments that blue states should just go bankrupt were despicable and his efforts to weaken the previous stimulus bills have left working Americans out and shortchanged small businesses. Now, he has the chance to right those wrongs.

We will be forever changed by this crisis, and a generation of students is doing its best to adjust to a new style of learning. Now more than ever, we cannot afford cuts to school funding and as our local governments look to cut budgets, we need the Senate to deliver. Budget cuts for New York City schools, including schools in the Northwest Bronx, will threaten access to mental health counseling and art programs. We must all work together to get through this difficult time - but slashing the budgets of our public schools is not a solution."