

Council Member David G. Greenfield's Introduction 65-A
Non-Public School Security Fact Sheet

History

- CM Greenfield developed the idea in 2011; first introduced to the Council as Intro 1063 of 2013
- Reintroduced as Intro 65 of 2014 on February 26, 2014
- Sponsored by 45 Council Members, the most of any Council bill
- Hearing held before the Committee on Public Safety on April 14, 2015
- Originally proposed for unarmed school safety agents, now unarmed security officers
- 21 months from reintroduction to final agreement with Council Speaker and Mayor
- Backed by historic coalition of Jewish, Catholic, Muslim and labor groups

What Security is Available?

- State-licensed, city-approved, unarmed, prevailing wage security officers
- Trained to protect schoolchildren and to look out for possible hate and bias crimes
- NYC will select agency that will establish a list of at least 3 security companies to choose from
- Schools and security companies will determine the placement of their security officer(s)
- City funding cannot be used for existing guards, must supplement or replace existing security

Who Qualifies?

- City will reimburse for one security officer per non-public school of 300+ students
- Additional city reimbursement for one additional officer per 500 students
- For example: a school with 2000 students would receive 5 guards (1st for 300, 2nd for 500, 3rd for 1000, 4th for 1500 and 5th for 2000)
- Program counts students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12
- UPK students count toward totals unless a school receives security through its UPK contract
- To qualify, a school must have its own unique Basic Educational Data System (*BEDS*) number
- If a school with multiple buildings has one BEDS number, it is considered one school
- Covers the majority of non-public schools and 70% of non-public school students
- Schools with less than 300 students receive no guards or funding

When will Security be Available?

- The program is expected to begin April 1, 2016
- Schools will be reimbursed quarterly for security officers hired under the program
- Security officers will be available during all school-instruction hours and school-related events
- Security officers will be available after-school for school-related events
- Schools will have to certify their hours of operation to receive reimbursement
- Reimbursable overtime costs are limited to 15% of straight time costs per school
- A school may hire two guards instead of one to deal with overtime challenge
- For example: a school that is open 50 hours per week can have 2 guards for 25 hours per week

Financial Information

- City spending on the program is capped at \$19.8 million dollars only in the first year
- Law requires spending to be increased based on anticipated growth in prevailing wages, benefits and more schools joining the programs or growth in schools already in the program