



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement on Continued Public School Closures

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**Brooklyn, NY** -- The following statement can be attributed to State Senator Andrew Gounardes:

"Last week, the Governor's office released a set of criteria for schools in the red zone to be able to re-open. While many private and parochial schools sprang into action, the NYC Department of Education has not taken steps to open and has remained typically uncommunicative. I am calling on the DOE to take steps to comply with the state's plan and immediately re-open. Families are sick and tired of the discrepancies between the city and state being hashed out in public, with our kids stuck in the middle. Many of these students are those most in need of in-person services, and to leave them stuck at home when there is a safe alternative is just plain wrong. I am calling for the DOE to act now and relieve these families who are at the breaking point."

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