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Res. No. 1722

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to require police departments to provide certain security measures for nonpublic schools.

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Whereas, Tragically, on Friday, December 14, 2012, a gunman took the lives of twenty elementary school children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

Whereas, This horrific event served as an unfortunate reminder that more must be done to protect the lives of school children and school staff; and

Whereas, The New York City Police Department works diligently to protect the lives of public school children and school staff in the City of New York; and

Whereas, The New York City Police Department is currently required, upon request of the authorities of a New York City public school, to provide children who attend such a school and staff who work at such a school with security measures; and

Whereas, Security measures provided to New York City public school students and staff include, but are not limited to, an assessment of the school's security needs, the placement of school safety officers, and the use of video cameras or metal detectors; and

Whereas, The New York City Police Department's School Safety Division has over 5,000 school safety agents and more than 200 uniformed police officers for over 1.1 million students in the New York City public school system; and

Whereas, Yet the New York State Legislature currently does not require police departments to provide security measures for school children and school staff in nonpublic schools; and

Whereas, Students in nonpublic schools deserve the same security measures provided to school children and school staff of New York City public schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to require police departments to provide certain security measures for nonpublic schools.

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