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### Res. No. 553

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to promulgate legislation which would provide a tuition tax credit to families of private and parochial school students.

By Council Members Vallone Jr., Gentile, Greenfield, Fidler and Halloran

Whereas, Hundreds of thousands of New York's children attend private and parochial schools in New York State; and

Whereas, These schools provide a quality education to the students who attend them, and serve a vital role in meeting the educational needs of parents and their children; and

Whereas, The public school system, particularly in New York City, is overcrowded and lacks the capacity to provide seats for all of the children who currently attend private or parochial schools; and

Whereas, If a significant number of parents were unable to send their children to private and parochial schools in the coming years, the public school system would be overwhelmed with additional students for whom it could not provide a classroom seat in a school of similar pedagogical quality and that would be not overcrowded; and

Whereas, The tuition costs of private and parochial schools have risen to levels that many families find difficult to meet within their annual budgets; and

Whereas, Parents who send their children to private or parochial schools also pay taxes that are used to support the public school system, in effect paying twice for their children's education; and

Whereas, One effective way of providing financial relief to such parents would be to provide a tuition tax credit, which would offset New York State income tax to the extent of the tuition that parents pay to private and parochial schools; and

Whereas, New York State could provide for such a tax credit and ensure that such tax credit would be fairly and equitably offered to families that meet certain financial criteria; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to promulgate legislation which would provide a tuition tax credit to families of private and parochial school students.

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