

SCHOOLS *not Jails*

Every New Yorker deserves to feel safe in their community, be treated equally under the law, and live a full and happy life. But right now underfunded schools and out-of-control incarceration rates are a prime driver of economic and racial inequality in America. Under Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York – already a highly unequal state – has gotten much worse.

If New York were a country, we would have the sixth highest incarceration rate in the world -- ahead of Russia.

New York State pays \$22,000 per child for a year of public school, while we pay \$70,000 per person who is locked up in prison, 75% of whom are people of color.

We need a new system. **We need money for housing, transit, health care and education, not jails and incarceration.** Andrew Cuomo owes it our children to pay for smaller class sizes, art, music and more. But instead of guidance counselors schools in communities of color have gotten police officers and metal detectors and suspensions of children of color are at an all-time high. Andrew Cuomo has chosen this path for New York's schools, and they are the types of Republican-style choices he has consistently made as Governor.

Cynthia and Jumaane know that right now there are now two different education systems in New York. White, wealthy children are prepared for college, while many poor and working-class children of color are disproportionately put into the school to prison pipeline. They are running so that we have a New York that belongs to all of us -- for the many, not the few.

Central to Cynthia and Jumaane's vision of a government that works for the many is #SchoolsNotJails. With **\$7 billion in new revenues** from new taxes on millionaires and billionaires in New York, we can:

- Fully fund our public schools regardless of the zip code of the school or the color of the skin of the students who attend.
- Expand free pre-K for all, statewide.
- Make free public college a basic right for every New Yorker.
- Reduce pre-trial detentions by eliminating cash bail and ensuring access to a speedy trial.
- End arrests for low-level, ticketable offenses.
- Legalize marijuana.
- Close Rikers
- Fix our broken parole system
- Ensure police accountability by bringing transparency to cases of police misconduct.