

# to Questionnaire From the Diocese

ages, backgrounds, and faiths, regardless of immigration status.”

Included are Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services, and the Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn and Queens.

The bishop made a point of discussing the deteriorating state of public safety in the five boroughs.

“The last three weeks, look how many innocent children have been killed because there’s too many guns on the street,” he said. “We have to do something to get rid of

the guns. People use them. We can’t have that in society.”

“This is not the frontier,” he added. “This is not 1890 in Texas. This is the United States of America in 2021. Something has to be done to get back public safety in this country, and our city especially.”

The erosion of public safety, Bishop DiMarzio added, has helped fuel a steady flow of people leaving the city.

“This is a problem for us,” he said. “We have new people coming, fine.

“But the people who made the city, who have history

here, are leaving because of the conditions, especially the safety conditions.”

The bishop said he was pleased with the questionnaire responses that he had seen so far. He concluded that the project puts participating candidates on record so that voters can hold the next mayor accountable as they respond to these critical issues.

“I would say most of them came back with very positive answers, which is good,” he said. “That means that what we’re getting seems to be an understanding of our issues.”

## 1. Will you work to increase participation and enrollment in Pre-K programs?

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### KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

“We are in a child care crisis. We have one in four women considering stepping back from their careers today, and unemployment has impacted women much more than it has men. Part of any economic recovery and equity plan must include an expansion of Pre-K for all to include free childcare for ages 1-3 for all families with income less than \$70k. Free childcare is key to economic mobility.”

### RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

“As part of my “Cradle to Career” education strategy, I will guarantee every parent access to quality early child care and education. These programs will be designed to address all aspects of early childhood development, which will help every kid enter school on a level playing field and ready to succeed.”

### MAYA D. WILEY (D)

“As mayor, I will continue the expansion of universal, high-quality 3K in close consultation with providers from community-based organizations, child care agencies, and family child care centers to work in partnership with the DOE and explore innovative approaches to ensure a continuum of developmentally meaningful practice. In addition, I will create a one-stop online portal that serves as a single point of entry for families to gain a comprehensive understanding of their child care options and enroll in licensed child care programs. The portal would feature real-time information about all universal pre-school options, licensed child care, and Head Start programs, including descriptions of each program, location, and availability. I would also make business easier for child care and day care operators by creating an online portal for providers and city agencies to track licensing, inspections, renewal, and payments, an innovation that will cut through bureaucratic layers, vastly improving communication.”

## 2. Would you ensure that New York City’s nonpublic schools get their fair share of the CARES Act stimulus and other funding?

### KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

“The majority of our city’s parochial schools are providing a strong educational foundation for the children whose parents have chosen a non-traditional public school environment. As mayor, I will ensure that they receive any funding to which they are legally entitled.”

### RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

“I will ensure that non-public schools have access to federal stimulus and other funding streams since many of our children in these schools have lost educational resources due to the pandemic.”

### MAYA D. WILEY (D)

“The CARES Act provided New York schools a critical federal stimulus package during the pandemic, an especially challenging and traumatic time for children and educators. Recovering from this pandemic will not be easy, and it is my job to ensure all schools and educators receive the funding they need to recover from a year of lost education and are able to provide a high-quality education, trauma-informed pedagogy, and individualized care for all students.”

## 3. Will you support expanding the eligibility of non-public schools to receive funding for nurses by lowering the minimum enrollment requirement (currently 200 students)?

### ERIC L. ADAMS (D)

“I am open to lowering the minimum enrollment and making smaller schools eligible but funding for schools should be need-based.”

### KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

“While my intention is always to provide as much support as possible to our city’s students, I also recognize that we need to be smart in how we deploy our capacity. I am willing to look into the feasibility of this, but any decisions would depend on the final cost and viability of this undertaking. The foundation of my approach to education is ensuring that every student has access to a great school — this means prioritizing equity and fairness in all aspects of resource allocation.”

### RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

“I support expanding funding eligibility for nurses in non-public schools.”

### MAYA D. WILEY (D)

“I support expanding the eligibility of non-public schools to receive funding for nurses. As we work to fully reopen schools, it is essential that all children, regardless of the school they attend, have access to a nurse and high-quality physical and mental health services.”

## 4. Will you support expanding the eligibility of non-public schools to receive funding for security guards by lowering the minimum enrollment requirement?

### ERIC L. ADAMS (D)

“I am open to lowering the minimum enrollment and making smaller schools eligible but funding for schools should be need-based.”

### KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

“We need to ensure all schools have the ability to provide their students with a safe, effective learning environment. Hiring additional security guards is a more affordable process than hiring nurses for a large number of additional schools. Under my administration, the DOE’s Division of Nonpublic Schools will work closely with the Standing Committee of Nonpublic School Officials to ensure that the city is using every tool we have to ensure that all schools have access to every resource and educational service possible.”

### RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

“I support reasonably expanding eligibility to maintain staff and students’ safety in nonpublic schools.”

### MAYA D. WILEY (D)

“I will not commit to expanding the eligibility of nonpublic schools to receive funding for security guards. My policing and education plans commit to minimizing the presence of law enforcement in schools and diverting NYPD funds toward restorative justice practices, social services, and programs proven to reduce violence.”