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GEC staff joined more than 400 teachers, teacher assistants, administrators, school staff, parents, students, and advocates at a Town Hall rally in the CUNY Graduate School auditorium on June 25th. Our preschool staff travelled into the city during their vacation time to join this rally to advocate for fair funding for special education students. The rally presented data from recent Coalition of Provider Agency (COPA) surveys that highlighted the pay disparity between public schools and 4410 schools. Staff in 4410 schools, such as The Carrie Mastronardi Early Childhood Education Center, are paid rates from NYS that are far below their public school counterparts. This pay disparity leaves professionals having to make tough career choices in where to work, that will best support the needs of their families. During the rally, powerful speakers that included a parent and two teachers from special education schools were able to express, through their personal stories, the impact that the lack of adequate funding has had on them, their families, and their educational programs. Another speaker included an attorney who outlined a potential legal strategy to address the lack of adequate funding for our education programs. New York State Assembly Member David Weprin attended the event, along with representatives from Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, Assembly Member Joe Lentol and Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's offices. NY1 sent a camera crew to the Town Hall Rally and Chalkbeat's reporter Alex Zimmerman also attended. It is our hope that this will be the first of a number of COPA sponsored events across the state in support of our schools.

