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**STATEMENT OF NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER SCOTT  
M. STRINGER ON  
MAYOR DE BLASIO'S FY 2017 EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

Mayor de Blasio's FY17 Executive Budget balances investing in necessary City services with actions to find savings.

I applaud the Mayor for including additional funding to provide security at homeless shelters, improve the operations of the Board of Elections and expand access to physical education in public schools. As my report, "[Dropping the Ball](#)," found one year ago, the Department of Education is failing to provide equal access to PE for children in underserved neighborhoods, jeopardizing our public health and creating yet another barrier to success for some of our poorest students. In addition the Executive Budget identifies new agency savings and bolsters the City's reserve funds, enhancing our ability to weather unforeseen future challenges.

As an [analysis](#) released by my office last year made clear, setting New York City Health + Hospitals on a more sustainable financial path forward is a critical priority for our City. However, more information is needed to fully assess the proposed plan to ensure that all New Yorkers can access quality healthcare.

Over the coming weeks, we will closely examine the FY17 Executive Budget and provide more detailed comments on the proposals. I look forward to working with the Administration and my colleagues in government to enact a responsible budget for the people of New York City.