

Concerned Full-time Classroom and Professional Faculty at NCC
Nassau Community College
1 Education Drive
Garden City, NY 11530

Sept 28, 2026

The Honorable Bruce A. Blakeman, Nassau County Executive
Office of the County Executive
1550 Franklin Ave,
Mineola, NY 11501

**Re: Urgent Request for Intervention into Nassau Community College
Mismanagement**

Dear County Executive Blakeman,

As the **co-employer of Nassau Community College (NCC)**, Nassau County holds a critical responsibility to protect both taxpayer dollars and the future of our local workforce. We, the faculty of NCC, are writing to urgently request your executive intervention to stop the gross administrative and fiscal mismanagement currently dismantling our programs and stalling students' academic momentum towards degree attainment.

We are deeply alarmed that while the administration pursues aggressive austerity measures for academics, including gutting foundational courses, shutting down the Achilles Program for disabled students, and neglecting broken, non-operational learning facilities for students, public funds are being profoundly misplaced. Most egregiously, instead of investing in classrooms or stabilizing our plummeting enrollment, the Board of Trustees has made a staggering financial commitment to an external law firm to fund what is effectively a personal defense and lobbying campaign for an interim Chief Administrative Officer and approved a newly-extended 5-year (Jan 1, 2026- Dec. 31, 2031) guaranteed contract for \$293,700 annual salary with possible annual increases in addition to \$4,000 for monthly living expenses even though the college maintains a President residence. This is **\$1.71 million** for an interim leader who received a historical **94% Vote of No Confidence** from the faculty in May 2026.

Taxpayer resources are being further squandered on fruitless litigation using expensive outside counsel. The College's disregard for its union contracts has resulted in more than 30 NCCFT grievances and approximately a dozen CSEA grievances. This includes a recent New York State Supreme Court rejection of the College's appeal of an arbitrator's decision, twice rejecting the administration's attempt to all but eliminate

NCCFT union release time by redefining an “hour” of release time, a definition that had been consistently applied for decades. At the same time, resources that should be supporting teaching and learning are being diverted toward an intrusive, campus-wide physical and digital surveillance panopticon, with valuable college technology infrastructure redirected from educational support toward monitoring faculty, staff, and student advocates.

Nassau County taxpayers deserve an administration that invests in student equity and academic excellence, not unapproved, temporary leadership that uses public funds to protect its own positions. We urge you to use your oversight authority as our co-employer to freeze non-academic spending, call for an immediate independent fiscal audit, and demand a transparent presidential search.

On October 8, we will be launching a petition to raise awareness about these issues, and we would like to meet with you to discuss their impact on students. We ask that you contact David Stern at dstern.nccft@gmail.com to schedule a mutually agreeable date to meet.

Sincerely,

Concerned Nassau Community College Full-Time Classroom and Professional Faculty

CC: The Nassau County Legislature