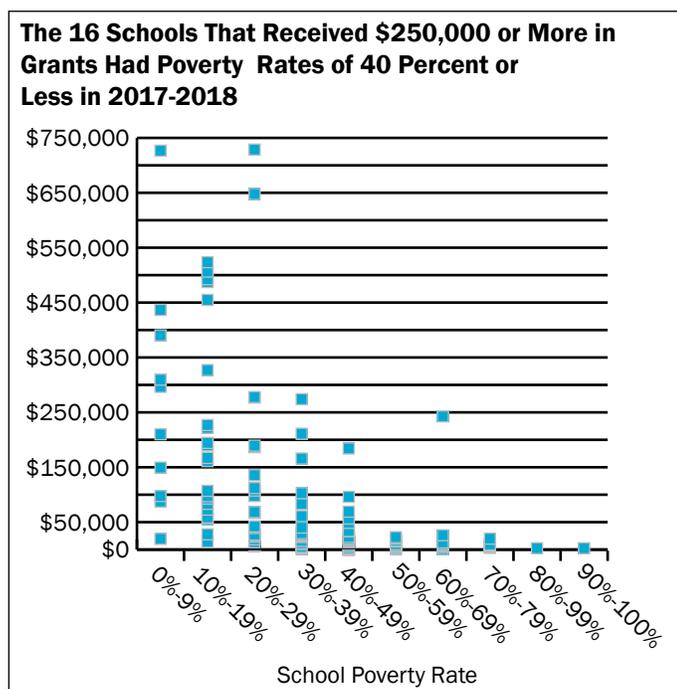


# In School Year 2017-2018, Parent-Teacher Associations Contributed Nearly \$13 Million to School Budgets.

## What Types of Schools Garnered the Most Grants?

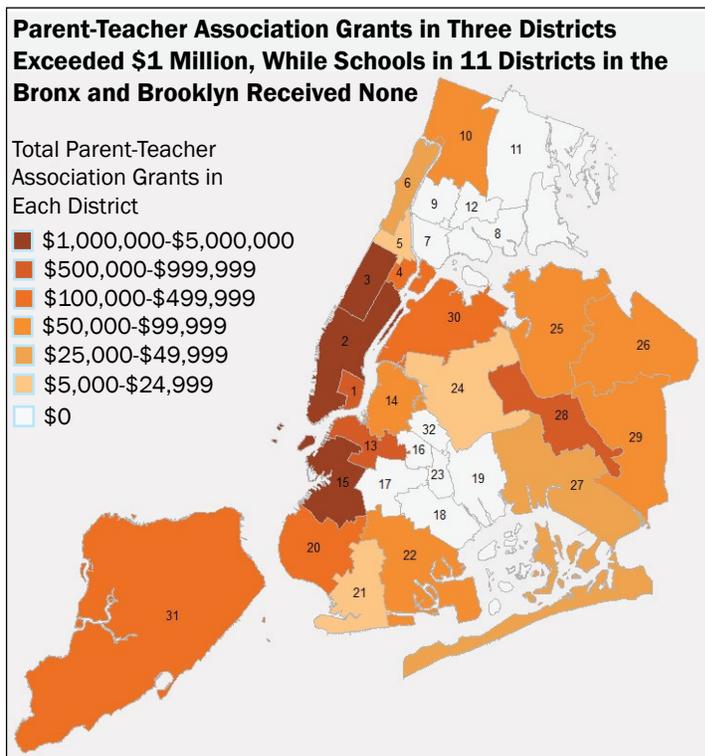
IBO examined New York City Department of Education school budgets for the 2017-2018 school year and identified 132 schools that received monetary donations totaling \$12.8 million from parent-teacher associations or parent associations. Although the associations can themselves pay for many items for their schools, for certain types of donations they typically opt to transfer funds to a school's budget. For example, when paying for part of a music teacher's salary, a parent group will donate the funds to the school because the education department prepares the payroll. Similarly, a parent association will transfer funds to a school when it wants to support hiring school staff for an after-school program but is not prepared to cover insurance and other related costs.

IBO's review of school budgets (not the parent association data released earlier this week) focused on the 132 traditional public schools that received monetary donations from their parent-teacher associations. It is important to note that many more parent-teacher associations make nonmonetary contributions, volunteering time or goods and services. In this NYC By the Numbers we look at how parent-teacher association grants varied by school type, school poverty rate, and district. A subsequent report will explore how schools spent the money.



- Generally, schools that enrolled fewer students living in poverty received more grant money from parent-teacher associations. The two schools with the lowest poverty rates (6 percent and 7 percent) received roughly \$437,000 and \$727,000, respectively. In contrast, the school with the highest poverty rate (98 percent) in our study received a comparatively modest grant of \$2,500.
- Parent-teacher association grants per school ranged from \$192 to \$728,749. Taking school size into consideration, per student allocations ranged from \$0.21 to \$1,220. Click [here](#) for the 16 schools that received the largest parent association grants.

- In Manhattan and Queens, every school district had at least one school that received a parent-teacher association grant. While three schools in the Bronx received grants, they were all located in District 10, which includes the Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Kingsbridge neighborhoods.
- The majority of schools (104 out of 132) that received parent-teacher grants were schools that enrolled students in elementary grades, including K-5, K-8, and K-12 schools. Of the 132 schools that received monetary grants, only 10 high schools (grades 9-12) received a parent-teacher grant.



- Among the elementary schools that received parent-teacher grants, 80 percent were zoned schools, meaning most students came from families living nearby. The 10 schools that received the largest parent-teacher association grants were located in high-income neighborhoods, such as the Upper West Side, Upper East Side, and Park Slope.
- Seventy-nine percent of middle schools and all of the high schools that received parent-teacher organization grants used specific criteria for admitting students such as an exam, audition, attendance rate, scores on standardized exams, or course grades greater than 90.
- The five citywide gifted and talented schools, which students must test into, received parent-teacher association grants totaling roughly \$2 million.

<b>Parent-Teacher Association Grants by District</b>			
<b>Borough</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Schools With Grants</b>	<b>Total Parent-Teacher Association Grants</b>
Manhattan	1	3	\$760,119
	2	31	4,419,581
	3	12	2,303,990
	4	1	102,818
	5	1	11,500
	6	2	42,409
Bronx	7	0	0
	8	0	0
	9	0	0
	10	3	\$91,172
	11	0	0
	12	0	0
Brooklyn	13	5	\$698,334
	14	4	55,297
	15	15	2,448,782
	16	0	0
	17	0	0
	18	0	0
	19	0	0
	20	6	346,995
	21	2	15,923
	22	5	51,924
Queens	23	0	0
	32	0	0
	24	1	5,000
	25	4	52,212
	26	7	80,874
	27	2	\$33,356
	28	7	792,073
29	1	96,127	
Staten Island	30	4	183,078
	31	16	\$228,988