



2024-2025 State Education Department Budget and Legislative Initiatives

Board of Regents Meeting
December 2023



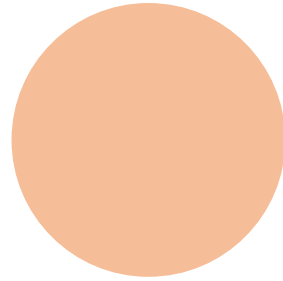
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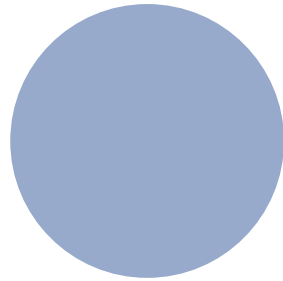
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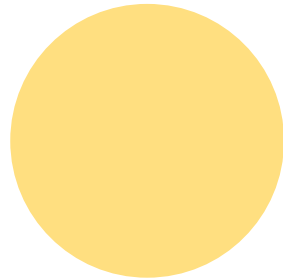
Agency Wide



Supporting ITS capital investments



Annual Fund for Software/Hardware licensing and support



Finance/HR Improved Analytical Capacity

Program Priorities Pre-kindergarten through High School Systems

Charter School Office funding- \$1.7M

Support for Governor's Zero Emission Bus Initiative & Agency Leadership Level Working Group- \$300,000

Ensuring that NYS Learning Standards reflect current research- \$1.4M

Juvenile Justice Hybrid Programming- \$20M

Supporting Capital Needs of NYSED, Nation Schools, and the NYS Schools for the Blind & Deaf- \$174M



Improving Student Assessments

- Continue Exam translations into multiple languages
- Update the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)

Early Learning

- Consolidate statewide universal full-day prekindergarten grants
- Correct conflicting supplement and not supplant language



Special Education

- State support for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until 22 - \$70.5M
- Hold harmless for school age special education programs
- Require state agencies to convene to make recommendations on how to expand residential opportunities
- Tuition rate setting methodology study additional funding- \$1.4M
- Tuition rate growth factor

Expand Access to College Course Work



Early College



Head start on higher education



Reduce overall cost and time needed to obtain a degree



Build on the success of existing efforts



Increase partnerships between school districts, institutions of higher education, and businesses

School Aid

| School Aid Program | 2023-2024 School Year (in millions) | Regents 2024- 2025 Request (in millions) | Year-to-year Change (in millions) |
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| Foundation Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Law \$926.8 million FAPE 22 \$30.5 million Formula updates: \$253.4 million | 23,998.88 | 25,269.09 | 1,270.22 |
| Building and Transportation Aid | 5,792.03 | 5,892.47 | 100.44 |
| BOCES and Special Services | 1,479.09 | 1,499.26 | 20.16 |
| Prekindergarten Grants | 1,127.59 | 1,226.94 | 99.35 |
| Support for Students with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAPE 22 Public Excess Cost Aid: \$17.2 million FAPE 22 Private Excess Cost Aid: \$24.2 million | 1,017.17 | 1,151.05 | 133.88 |
| Other General Purpose Aids | 307.72 | 312.06 | 4.35 |
| Instructional Materials Aids | 254.26 | 255.10 | 0.84 |
| Other GSPS | 308.94 | 309.28 | 0.34 |
| Total GSPS | \$34,285.68 | \$35,915.25 | \$1,629.57 |

Foundation Aid

- Short-term Foundation Aid changes
 1. Update Census Poverty Counts
 2. Replace Free- and Reduced-Price Lunch counts
 3. Eliminate the income wealth index minimum
 4. Update and smooth the high need designation
 5. Needs adjusted minimum increase
- Continued need for funding for deeper Foundation Aid study - \$1M

Additional School Aid

- Growth aid for districts with significant enrollment increases
- Expand funding to increase access to CTE courses for all high school students by: (1) Increasing the BOCES Aid Salary; and (2) Enhancing Special Services Aid

Program Priorities Office of Professions

- Office of Professions Modernization Continuation
- Opportunity Programs





Program Priorities Office of Cultural Education Program

- Cultural Education Stabilization- \$10 fee increase or \$17M
- New York State Summer School for the Arts & Scholarships- \$2M
- NOVELny- \$3M
- Talking Book & Braille Library/Conservation Preservation- \$250,000
- Library Construction Aid- \$45M

Program Priorities ACCES

- Social Security Appropriation Increase
- Adult Literacy Education (ALE) Aid to Localities
Appropriation Language

Program Priorities Higher Education

- Increases for opportunity programs- \$11.M
- Enhanced supports and services for students with disabilities for postsecondary success- \$2M
- Addressing the teacher shortage by creating a teacher recruitment system designed to attract and support prospective teachers and diversify the teacher pipeline- \$1.2M
- Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Reform legislation



Special/ Temporary



Federal Stimulus Funds

- Across Agency
- Allow us to sustain staffing that has supported the federal stimulus-funded work through the extended liquidation periods expected for ARPA- \$865,000