



TO: Adult Career and Continuing Education Services
(ACCES) Committee

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SUBJECT: 2020-21 Non-State Aid Budget and Legislative Priorities

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SUMMARY

Issues for Discussion

The Regents advance Non-State Aid budget and legislative requests every year, which reflect initiatives that support the Board's priorities by augmenting or adding funds to the State Education Department's budget. These funds are necessary so that the Department has the resources it needs to meet the Board's policy priorities.

At the September meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2019-20 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these previous Non-State Aid proposals, as well as identify and discuss new initiatives the Committee would like to consider. The proposals will be sent back to committees as appropriate in November for further consideration and will come before the full Board in December for approval.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review and update of the Regent's Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents review last year's proposals, identify modifications, as appropriate, and any new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2020-21 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities – ACCES

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
<p>Enhancing Supports & Services for Postsecondary Success of Students with Disabilities- Grant program to support the reasonable accommodation needs and services for individuals with disabilities enrolled at degree granting institutions of higher education.</p>	\$15M	Equity	\$15M proposed by the Board in 2019-20. Joint proposal with Higher Education Committee.
<p>Bridge to College & Careers Pilot Program- Bridge programs enable out-of-school youth and adults to obtain critical basic skills and high school equivalency diplomas which would lead to programs resulting in industry-recognized credentials for employment or a college degree.</p>	\$3M	Equity	\$3M proposed by the Board in 2019-20.
<p>Expansion of the Reader's Aid Program- Providing sufficient funding to meet the current statutory requirements of the Reader's Aid program. The \$706,000 request would increase the current \$294,000 funding level to an annual level of \$1M.</p>	\$706,000	Equity	New proposal.