



TO: Higher Education 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 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 to 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 – Higher Education

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
<p>Supporting NYS Access and Opportunity Programs- The state’s higher education opportunity programs are available to students attending colleges and provide access to higher education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP); • Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP); • Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP); and • Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP). 	\$10M	Equity	\$10M proposed by the Board in 2019-20.
<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 ACCES Committee.
<p>Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness- Expanding the Shanker Grant to increase access to National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (National Board) certification, which allows teachers to hone their practice, provides professional development, and enhances teacher effectiveness.</p>	\$132,000	Efficiency	Board requested \$500,000 in 2019-20; amount has been lowered to reflect actual need.