



TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: 2019 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 2018 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board reviewed and discussed the previous Non-State Aid proposals and identified and discussed new initiatives for consideration. Updated proposals are coming back to the committees for further consideration in November 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 have final discussions about proposals to include in the Board's 2019 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2019 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities Discussion- Cultural Education

Proposal Description	Amount of Request	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p>State Aid for Public Library Construction- Increasing funding to better ensure that all New Yorkers continue to have access to state-of-the-art libraries.</p>	\$11M	Equity	<p>This would be a modification of a previous Board Priority. The request last year was for \$6M.</p> <p>For the third year in a row, funding for State Aid for public library construction was increased in the Enacted Budget. This past year the increase was \$10 million.</p>
<p>Expanding Access to Education Programs through Cultural Institutions- Support the Museum Education Act and establish competitive grants to support cultural institutions that seek to establish or improve museum education programs designed to improve and support student learning opportunities, including supporting the development of local curricular aids.</p>	\$5M	Equity	<p>This was a previous Board Priority.</p> <p>Legislation establishing the Museum Education Grant Program passed both houses this year (A.3892-A Titone/ S.1676-A Little), though the Assembly provided \$2M in their One House Budget proposal, funding was not included for this program in the Enacted Budget.</p>
<p>Expanding Public Broadcasting Education Programs- Increased State Aid to expand two Public Broadcasting programs, the Enterprise America and GPS for Success, statewide to each public television station.</p>	\$5M	Equity	<p>This was a previous Board Priority.</p>