



**TO:** Cultural 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 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 2020-21 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

**2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities – Cultural Education**

<b>Proposal Description</b>	<b>Amount of Proposed Request</b>	<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>New or Previous Proposal?</b>
<b>State Aid for Library Construction-</b> Increasing funding to better ensure that all New Yorkers continue to have access to state-of-the-art libraries.	\$11M	Equity	The Board proposed \$11M over 2018-19 funding level (for a total of \$45M in 2019-20).
<b>Continuing Access to the NYS Summer School of the Arts-</b> State funding to ensure that NYSSSA can remain available to all eligible students regardless of financial need and to reduce the negative balance in the Cultural Education account.	\$1.5M	Equity	New proposal.

**2020-21 Potential Legislative and Budget Priorities – Cultural Education**

<b>Proposal Description</b>	<b>Amount of Proposed Request</b>	<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>New or Previous Proposal?</b>
<b>Expanding Access to Education Programs through Cultural Institutions-</b> Establishing competitive grants through the Museum Education Act 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.	\$5M	Equity	The Board proposed \$5M in 2019-20 to support the enactment of the Museum Education Act.