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# 2020-2021 Enacted Budget Update

**Board of Regents Meeting**

**May 2020**

# 2020-21 State Aid

## Regents Proposal vs. Enacted Budget

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$1.9 billion	\$0
Community Schools Set-aside	\$0	\$0
Reimbursement-based Aids*	\$82 million	\$96 million
Pandemic Adjustment	\$0	-\$1.13 billion
Federal CARES Act Funds	\$0	\$1.13 billion
Fiscal Stabilization Fund/Targeted High-Need District Foundation Aid	\$0	\$0
Prekindergarten Expansion	\$26 million	\$0
Foundation Aid Review	\$1.2 million	\$0
Financial Technical Assistance	\$0.6 million	\$0
Other Initiatives	\$0	\$11 million
Total	\$2.1 billion	\$107 million

# 2020-21 State Aid

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- **Overall year to year increase of \$107 million in aid for school districts, of which:**
  - \$96 million is based on updated data for the statutory reimbursement aids;
  - \$10 million is for the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to administer school mental health grants; and
  - \$1 million is for SED to develop a statewide curriculum on Civic Education and Values, Shared History of Diversity and the Role of Religious Freedom in Our Country.
- **Each school district's total state aid amount is reduced dollar for dollar by the projected amount each district is estimated to receive in one-time federal funds through the CARES Act, for a total reduction of \$1.13 billion**

# 2020-21 State Aid

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**The Enacted Budget does not include the Executive Budget's proposals to:**

- **consolidate ten existing aid formulas (including BOCES and Special Services Aid) into Foundation Aid;**
- **establish a new reimbursement rate for Building Aid beginning with projects approved after July 2020;**
- **close the building aid “incidental cost loophole;” and**
- **cap growth in aidable transportation expenses.**

# Regents Funding Priorities Included in the Enacted Budget

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- **\$18 million for My Brother's Keeper**
- **\$25.4 million in capital spending authority for the Office of Professions' Systems Modernization**
- **Funding for the following access and opportunity programs at 2019-20 enacted budget levels:**
  - **Liberty Partnerships: \$18.36 million**
  - **Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP): \$35.5 million**
  - **Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP): \$15.8 million**
  - **Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP): \$11.98 million**

# New Appropriations in the Enacted Budget

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- **\$1 million for the development of a statewide curriculum on Civic Education and Values, Shared History of Diversity and the Role of Religious Freedom in Our Country**
- **\$10 million for Student Mental Health Support Grants (to be administered by the Office of Mental Health)**
- **Funding for Hempstead, Wyandanch and Rochester to reimburse these school districts for a portion of the cost of their monitors - no staffing or resources were provided to SED to do this work**

# Funding for Cultural Education in the Enacted Budget

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- **Aid to Public Libraries: \$94.1 million**
- **Aid to Educational Television and Radio: \$14 million**
- **Public Library Construction: \$14 million**

# Funding for ACCES in the Enacted Budget

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- **Adult Literacy Aid: \$7.8 million**
- **Independent Living Centers (ILCs): \$13.9 million**

# Statutory Changes in the Enacted Budget

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- **Requires the appointment of a monitor by the Commissioner for both academic and fiscal issues for the Rochester School District and provides for accelerated (spin-up) aid payments of \$35 million to assist in addressing their current deficit.**
- **Establishes the Syracuse Comprehensive Education and Workforce Training Center which includes a Regional STEAM high school.**

# Statutory Changes in the Enacted Budget

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- **Includes the Executive Budget's proposal to increase the share of maintenance costs for special education students placed in residential schools for local school districts outside of NYC.**
- **Allows foster youth funding to be used for supplemental housing and meals during intersession and summer breaks and for certain medical expenses.**

# Statutory Changes in the Enacted Budget

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- **Establishes a DOH led E-Cigarette and Vaping Prevention, Awareness and Control Program to educate students, parents and school personnel about the health risks associated with vapor product use and control measures to reduce the prevalence of vaping.**
- **Bans the sale, use, or distribution of disposable food service containers made of expanded polystyrene beginning on January 1, 2022. Elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities are included in this ban.**

# Statutory Changes in the Enacted Budget

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The Enacted Budget includes the following new provisions not contained in the Executive Budget proposal:

- Extending East Ramapo monitors through June 30, 2021;
- Amending the Wyandanch UFSD date of issuance of deficit financing serial bonds from June 30<sup>th</sup> to October 31, 2020 (pursuant to the request of the school district) and increasing the total amount available from \$3.1 million to \$4.5 million; and
- Final Cost Report (FCR) forgiveness for Mahopac Central School District.

# Proposed Professions Related Statutory Changes in the Executive Budget

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The Enacted Budget does not include the Executive Budget proposals to:

- Authorize public accounting firms to incorporate in NYS with minority ownership by individuals who are not Certified Public Accountants;
- Expand the provisions of registered pharmacy technicians in registered pharmacy outside of Article 28 facilities;
- Expand the list of adult immunizations that pharmacists can administer;
- Expand the current law Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) program between pharmacists and physicians; and
- Increase DOH oversight of physicians, physician assistants and specialist assistants, including requiring a fingerprint-based criminal history background check prior to licensure.

# Enacted Budget Financial Plan

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- **The 2020-21 enacted budget provided the Director of the Budget with the authority to reduce aid-to-localities appropriations and disbursements by any amount needed to achieve a balanced budget, as estimated by the Division of the Budget (DOB).**
- **On April 25, 2020, DOB released the Enacted Budget Financial Plan. In this Financial Plan, DOB has reduced the FY 2021 estimate for General Fund receipts by \$13.3 billion in comparison to the Executive plan.**

# Enacted Budget Financial Plan

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- **DOB is preparing a detailed plan itemizing the specific appropriations and disbursements that will be reduced or withheld to achieve \$8.2 billion in recurring reductions in aid-to-localities spending, and expects to transmit the plan to both houses of the Legislature in May.**
- **State funding for school aid remains at the 2020-21 enacted budget level for now, which could change pending DOB's issuance of the plan to the Legislature for the \$8.2B in aid to localities reductions.**

# Enacted Budget Financial Plan

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- **State agency operations budgets will be reduced by 10 percent from budgeted levels. SED will develop a plan to implement these reductions after we receive additional guidance from DOB.**
- **Spending controls include a strict freeze on hiring, including revocation of existing waivers. Current and planned capital projects will be reviewed and prioritized. New contracts and purchase orders will be limited to those necessary for health and safety or high priority operations.**



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**Thank You**