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# 2021-2022 Non-State Aid Budget and Legislative Initiatives

**Board of Regents Meeting  
September 2020**

# Regents Non-State Aid Budget and Legislative Priorities - Process

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- **September:**
  - Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviews proposals advanced the previous year.
- **October:**
  - Relevant Board committees discuss previous Non-State Aid proposals and identify new initiatives for consideration.
- **November:**
  - Updated proposals are brought back to the committees for further consideration.
- **December:**
  - The Board approves proposals to be advanced during the upcoming legislative session.

# 2020-21 Approach

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- **Regents advanced a comprehensive package for:**
  - **P-12**
  - **Higher Education**
  - **Cultural Education**
  - **ACCES**
  - **Professional Practice**
  - **Department-wide**
- **Initiatives would have provided critical resources for:**
  - **English Language Learners**
  - **Students and individuals with disabilities**
  - **Economically disadvantaged teaching candidates and students**
  - **Libraries, museums and the professions**
- **However, only a few of these initiatives were included in the enacted 2020-21 budget.**

# 2021-22 Approach

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**In light of the enormity of the state's budget deficit due to the COVID pandemic:**

**Should the Regents consider developing a more streamlined, targeted set of proposals for 2021-22 that focuses primarily on addressing district and student needs related to the pandemic?**

# 2021-22 Approach

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**Potential initiatives under this approach could include to:**

- **Expand flexibility for school district reserve funds;**
- **Support district fiscal viability through improvements to the district merger process;**
- **Provide aid to school districts to educate students at or over the age of 21 as a result of educational disruptions due to the pandemic;**
- **Change reimbursement rules for transportation and building aids to reflect the unforeseen impact of the pandemic and to assist districts in safely reopening schools;**
- **Provide resources to districts to increase their ability to provide remote education; and**
- **Relieve districts of unfunded, unproductive mandates.**

# Next Steps

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- **The Board decides whether to advance a more targeted set of proposals for 2021-22 or advance a comprehensive package as in prior years.**
- **Each Board committee begins discussions on proposals to be considered.**



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**Thank You**