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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

- **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

- **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

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

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

- **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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