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2019-2020 Board of Regents State Aid and Non-State Aid budget and legislative proposals kick-off

State Aid Subcommittee

September 17, 2018

Budget Terminology – “State Aid”

“State Aid” funding provides for General Support for Public Schools (GSPS).

- State aid funds support local school districts.
- These funds flow directly to school districts from the state through an allocation methodology established by the Executive and Legislature as part of the annual state budget process.
- The Board’s State Aid proposal is an effort to set a bench mark for these negotiations, so that the laws enacted by the Governor and legislature meet school district needs that the Board has identified to the extent possible.

Budget Terminology – “Foundation Aid”

There are several different programs under the state aid umbrella.

The largest is Foundation Aid, which is used by school districts to support their general operating costs.

Many school districts rely heavily on Foundation Aid to meet the basic costs of running a school district.

Other major state aid programs are reimbursements for certain costs (like pupil transportation, capital expenditures, BOCES services, etc.)

State Aid: 2018-2019 Budget Results

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Budget	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$1.25 billion	\$338 million	\$618 million
<i>ELL Setaside</i>	<i>\$85 million</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Community Schools Setaside</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>
Reimbursement-based Aids	\$314 million	\$317 million	\$244 million
Fiscal Stabilization Fund	\$0	\$64 million	\$0
Prekindergarten expansion	\$20 million	\$15 million	\$15 million
Career and Technical Education	\$25 million	\$0	\$0
Other Grant Programs*	\$0	\$35 million	\$35 million
Total	\$1.6 billion	\$769 million	\$912 million

***Includes After School and School Breakfast programs**

Budget Terminology – “Non-State Aid”

“Non-State Aid” budget and legislative requests 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 priorities.

Annual State Aid Budget Cycle

- **November 15th Database:** Provides first estimates for aid in the upcoming year
- **December:** Regents State Aid Proposal
- **January:** Executive Budget
- **February 15th Database:** Updates aid estimates; typically used for Enacted Budget
- **Early March:** One-House Bills
- **April 1st:** Enacted Budget, release of aid runs

Regents' Proposal Process and Timeline

2019-2020 School Year Proposal Development

- What are the immediate school district needs in the coming year?

Ongoing Formula Review and Considerations

- What are the ongoing needs for school districts that should be addressed in aid formulas?
- How best can these concerns be addressed?

2019-2020 Regents Priorities

“The 5 E’s”

1. **Equity**
2. **Every Student Succeeds Act implementation**
3. **Early Learning**
4. **English Language Learners**
5. **Efficiency** (Initiatives and investments that will enhance and/or streamline Department and school district functions)

Ongoing Formula Considerations

Formula Structure: Are there any structural changes to the Foundation Aid formula that should be considered?

Weightings: Should any of the current weightings in the Foundation Aid formula, such as for students with disabilities, English language learners or poverty status, be adjusted, or additional weightings be added?

Categorical Funds: Are categorical aid funds aligned to a specific purpose and being used in a consistent manner?



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