



**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2019 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 2018 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these previous Non-State Aid proposals, as well as identify and discuss any new initiatives the Committee would like to consider. The proposals will be sent back to committees as appropriate in November for further consideration 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 review last year's proposals to identify modifications, as appropriate, and any new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2019 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

**2019 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities Discussion  
Previous Board Priorities- Cultural Education**

<p><b>State Aid for Public Library Construction-</b> Increasing funding to better ensure that all New Yorkers continue to have access to state-of-the-art libraries.</p>	<p>\$6M</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>For the third year in a row, funding for State Aid for public library construction was increased in the Enacted Budget. This year the increase was \$10 million.</p>
<p><b>Expanding Access to Education Programs through Cultural Institutions-</b> Support the Museum Education Act and establish competitive grants 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.</p>	<p>\$5M</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>Legislation establishing the Museum Education Grant Program passed both houses this year (A.3892-A Titone/ S.1676-A Little), though the Assembly provided \$2M in their One House Budget proposal, funding was not included for this program in the Enacted Budget.</p>
<p><b>Expanding Public Broadcasting Education Programs-</b> Increased State Aid to expand two Public Broadcasting programs, the Enterprise America and GPS for Success, statewide to each public television station.</p>	<p>\$5M</p>	<p>Equity</p>	<p>This was a new Board Priority in 2018.</p>