



TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: 2018 State Budget and Legislative Priorities

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SUMMARY

Issues for Discussion

The Regents advance State budget and legislative priorities every year. At the October meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2017 budget cycle and legislative session. At the November meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these proposals, as well as review and discuss new initiatives. The proposals will come before the full Board in December for approval.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review and update of the Regent's State budget and legislative priorities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents discuss support for last year's proposals, identifying any recommended modifications, as well as review new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2018 State budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2018 Potential Budget Priorities- Cultural Education

| Proposal | Amount of Request | Policy Area | Notes |
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| Increased State Aid to expand two Public Broadcasting programs, the Enterprise America and GPS for Success, statewide to each public television station | TBD | Equity | This would be a new Board Priority. This request was brought to OCE staff by the Association of Public Broadcasting Stations of New York. |
| Public Library Construction- Increasing funding to better ensure that all New Yorkers continue to have access to state-of-the-art libraries. | \$6M | Equity | <p>This is a previous Board Priority. The Department has historically requested funding increases for this program.</p> <p>For the second year in a row, the Legislature has increased the funding for State Aid for library construction by \$5 million.</p> |
| Statewide e-Book platform- In response to a law passed in 2015, the State Library conducted a study of access to electronic books in public libraries. As demonstrated by this report, there continues to be a rising demand for e-books from local libraries. | \$2.5M | Equity | <p>This is a previous Board Priority.</p> <p>Further stakeholder engagement is needed in order to develop a concrete plan.</p> |

2018 Potential Legislative Priorities- Cultural Education

| Proposal | Policy Area | Notes |
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| <p>Museum Education Act- 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>Equity</p> | <p>This is a previous Board Priority. Legislation passed the Senate for the first time this past session and moved out of the Assembly Tourism Committee, but did not make it out of Assembly Ways and Means (S.1676 Little/A.3892 Titone).</p> <p>The Museum Association of New York (MANY) which advocates for the Museum Education Act, would like to ask the bill sponsors to include \$5M with the legislative ask this year and has asked whether SED will support this request.</p> |