



TO: Higher Education Committee
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SUBJECT: 2020-21 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 2019-20 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board reviewed and discussed the previous Non-State Aid proposals and identified and discussed new initiatives for consideration. Updated proposals are coming back to the committees for further consideration in November 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 have final discussions about proposals to include in the Board's 2020-21 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities – Higher Education

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
<p>Supporting NYS Access and Opportunity Programs- The state’s higher education opportunity programs are available to students attending colleges and provide access to higher education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP); • Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP); • Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP); and • Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP). 	\$10M	Equity	\$10M proposed by the Board in 2019-20.
<p>Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness- Expanding the Shanker Grant to increase access to National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (National Board) certification, which allows teachers to hone their practice, provides professional development, and enhances teacher effectiveness.</p>	\$132,000	Efficiency	Board requested \$500,000 in 2019-20; requested amount has been adjusted to reflect the additional amount needed over the current funding level.
<p>Promoting Teacher Diversity and Addressing Public School Teacher Shortages: Funding to reimburse teacher certification examination fees for financially needy students.</p>	\$TBD	Equity	New proposal.

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<p>Enhancing Supports and Services for Postsecondary Success of Students with Disabilities- Grant program to support the reasonable accommodation needs and services for individuals with disabilities enrolled at degree granting institutions of higher education.</p>	\$15M	Equity	\$15M proposed by the Board in 2019-20. Joint proposal with ACCES Committee.