



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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2023-2024 Regents Budget and Legislative Initiatives

Board of Regents Meeting

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Board of Regents Guiding Principles



Learning
is the Core
P-20 Continuum



DEI - Equity



Customer Service

To raise the **knowledge, skill, and opportunity** of all the people in New York

Initiatives Supporting Learning & P-20 Continuum Policy Goals

Expand Student Access to Career and Technical Education

- Outdated and inequitable funding models limit student participation
- Significantly change CTE funding models through new CTE aid tier and reimbursement-based special services formula

Regionalization Efforts for Educational Equity

- Regionalization is essential to ensuring that a wide variety of educational programming is available statewide
- Streamlining and updating the reorganization aid programs and statutory processes could encourage more mergers at the local level

Reduce Barriers to Improve District Efficiencies and Provide Mandate Relief

- Incentivize regional transportation collaboratives
- Fully fund prior year claims and penalty forgiveness

Initiatives Supporting Learning & P-20 Continuum Policy Goals

Funding

- Preschool inclusivity grant for districts to provide a continuum of services for children with disabilities
- Redesign NYSED-administered prekindergarten programs

Statutory Changes

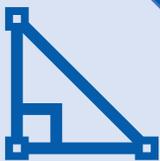
- Increase the per pupil rate for underfunded school districts with additional funding investments
- Streamline current application process for school districts to provide preschool special education services
- Require school districts to develop preschool inclusion plans

Initiatives Supporting Learning & P-20 Continuum Policy Goals



Support Access to the Arts

- Provide funds to operate New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) programs in summer 2024 and offer Empire State Arts Scholarship Program
- Add arts to college opportunity programs



Expand Access to College Credit and Career Opportunities in High School

- Consolidate ACA, PTECH and ECHS into a new College Credit and Career Opportunity Program to optimize program flexibility



Increase Funding for Opportunity Programs

- Expand student support through increased funding for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) and Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP)

Initiatives Supporting Equity, Excellence, and Access Policy Goals

Advancing Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education (CRSE)

- Align NYS Learning Standards and practices to the Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Framework (S.8924 Liu)

Ensuring Equity in Funding for Students with Disabilities

- Redesign tuition reimbursement methodology
- Increase funding to ensure postsecondary success of students with disabilities

Initiatives Supporting Equity, Excellence, and Access Policy Goals



Ensuring Healthy Students

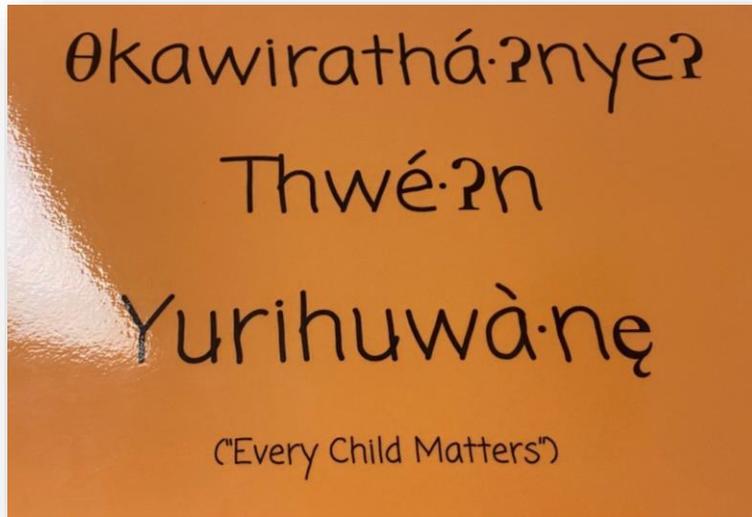
- Expand access to free meals
- Integrate food, nutrition and agriculture education into classrooms



Supporting English Language Learners

- Translate NYSED issued documents into languages most spoken in New York State homes
- Continue to translate five Regents Exams, the Grades 3-8 Math Tests, and the Elementary- and Intermediate-level Science Tests
- Allow districts with large enrollment increases to apply for current-year funding to support new students

Initiatives Supporting Equity Policy Goals



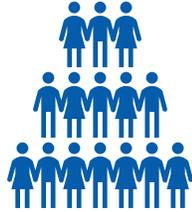
Supporting Capital Needs for the Indigenous and State Operated Schools

Funding to conduct Building Condition Surveys (BCS) every five years

Providing rolling capital funding

Sufficient funding for each school to meet immediate health and safety needs

Initiatives Supporting **Customer Service** Policy Goals



Build Sufficient Department Staff Capacity

Needed to fulfill core mission functions, including Health, Computer Science, Information Technology and Arts Associates

Cultural Education fee increases to fully support and fund current operating needs



Modernize Information Technology Systems to Provide Exceptional Customer Service

Modernize the Office of Professions system

Modernize the Office of Teaching Initiatives system

Upgrade the Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability system

Creating a Data and Information Management System to Support Fact-based Decision Making

Replace the non-public school payment system

Upgrade Critical Infrastructure and Systems Integration



Increase Funding for State Aid for Public Library Construction

Capital funding increase to address:

- the statewide need for public library construction or renovation
- library structural needs including adequate broadband infrastructure



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Questions?

