



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 & Department 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 Lifelong Learning & P-20 Continuum Policy Goals

Expand Student Access to Career and Technical Education

- Universal access for students preferring CTE by 2030
- Outdated and inequitable funding models limit student participation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 opportunities and advanced course access is available statewide
- Streamline and update the reorganization aid programs and statutory processes to support mergers at the local level for communities choosing that route

Reduce Barriers to Improve District Efficiencies and Provide Mandate Relief

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

Initiatives Supporting Lifelong Learning & P-20 Continuum Policy Goals

Funding

- \$20 million preschool inclusivity grant for districts to provide a continuum of services for children with disabilities
- \$1.1 million for staff and consulting resources to redesign NYSED-administered prekindergarten programs

Statutory Changes

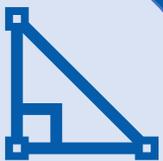
- Increase the per pupil rate for underfunded school districts with additional funding investments
- Streamline current application process for school districts to provide preschool special education services
- Require school districts to develop preschool inclusion plans

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Support Access to the Arts

- \$2 million 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 Advanced Course Access (ACA), PTECH, and ECHS into a new \$10.5 million College Credit and Career Opportunity Program to optimize program flexibility



Increase Funding for Opportunity Programs

- Expand student support through a 10% increase in funding (\$11.1 million) 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 For All Policy Goals

Advancing Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education (CRSE)

- \$961,500 for staff and contractual support to 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

- \$2.5 million (across two years) for staff and consulting resources to redesign tuition reimbursement methodology
- \$15 million (a \$13 million increase) to ensure postsecondary success of students with disabilities

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Ensuring Healthy Students

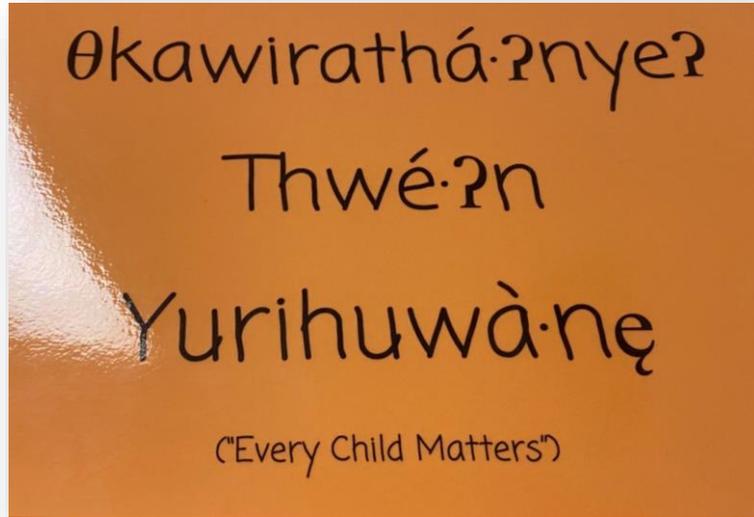
- Support efforts to expand access to free meals
- \$2 million for grants to schools to integrate food, nutrition, and agriculture education into classrooms



Supporting English Language Learners

- \$1.6 million to translate NYSED-issued documents into languages most spoken in New York State homes
- \$500,000 to continue translating 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

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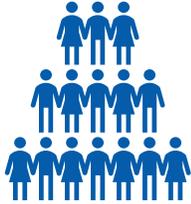
Supporting Capital Needs for the Indigenous and State-Operated Schools

\$250,000 to conduct Building Condition Surveys (BCS) every five years

Providing rolling capital funding

\$27.57 million to enable each school to meet immediate health and safety needs

Initiatives Supporting **Customer Service** Policy Goals



Build Sufficient Department Staff Capacity

\$16.6 million to support 187 positions to implement initiatives and fulfill core mission functions, including Health, Computer Science, Information Technology and Arts Associates

\$10 fee increase to generate \$17 million to fully support and fund current Cultural Education operating needs



Modernize Information Technology Systems to Provide Exceptional Customer Service

Modernize the Office of Professions system (\$5.16 million)

Modernize the Office of Teaching Initiatives system (\$1.75 million)

Upgrade the Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability system (\$500,000)

Create a Data and Information Management System to Support Fact-based Decision Making (\$1.5 million)

Replace the non-public school payment system (\$2 million)

Upgrade Critical Infrastructure and Systems Integration (\$1.96 million)



Increase Funding for State Aid for Public Library Construction

\$45 million in capital funding (an \$11 million increase) to address:

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



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Questions?

