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# **NYSED Review of the 2021-2022 Enacted Budget**

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# 2021-22 State Aid

## Regents Proposal and Executive Budget vs. Enacted Budget

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Budget	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$0	\$0	\$1.400 billion
Reimbursement for Expense Based Aids	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$300 million
February Database Update	N/A	N/A	\$143 million
Services Aid Consolidation	\$0	-\$693 million	\$0
Other Adjustments	\$0	\$5 million	\$0
Pandemic Adjustment Repeal*	\$1.134 billion	N/A	\$0
Growth Cap Repeal	\$430 million	N/A	N/A
Subtotal	\$1.990 billion	-\$388 million	\$1.843 billion
STAR Reduction	\$0	-\$1.352 billion	\$0
Total	\$1.990 billion	-\$1.740 billion	\$1.843 billion
Federal Prek Allocation	\$0	\$0	\$90 million
Federal Prek Competitive Grant	\$0	\$0	\$15 million

\*Regents proposal would have prepaid \$453 million of the pandemic adjustment restoration in the 2020-21 school year.

# 2021-22 State Aid

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- Overall year-to-year **increase of over \$1.8 billion.**
- **\$1.4 billion Foundation Aid increase with a three-year phase-in schedule.**
- School districts receiving significant increases are required to post a plan for use of funds before July 1 of each school year.

# 2021-22 State Aid

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The enacted budget **does not** include the proposals in the Executive Budget to:

- Consolidate existing aid categories;
- Reduce reimbursement-based aids;
- Cut STAR reimbursement; and
- Expunge approximately \$300 million in prior year claims currently in the queue and shorten claim submission timeframes.

# Pre-Kindergarten Funding

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The enacted budget includes **two pre-kindergarten expansions** for a three-year period:

- **\$90 million expansion** distributed via a formula in statute for 235 school districts; and
- **\$15 million expansion** via a competitive bidding process for school districts.

First two years funded with \$210 million in federal education stimulus funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

# Reimbursement of Pandemic-Related Transportation Costs

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- **Delivery of school meals, wi-fi access and/or instructional materials only during the 2019-20 school year** are eligible for transportation aid.
- **Stand-by transportation costs** are eligible only during the **March 16, 2020 through May 7, 2020** period.
- **No reimbursement** to districts for meals, internet access and instructional materials delivery **in the 2020-21 school year**, or for **stand-by** costs for the **entirety of the 2019-20 school year** and the **2020-21 school year**.

# State Aid/Federal Stimulus Funds - CRSSA

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- New York State was allocated \$4 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.
  - The enacted budget allocates **\$3.995 billion to school districts and charter schools** and **\$5 million for NYSED administration**.
- New York State was allocated \$322.9 million under Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund.
  - **\$250.1 million for a new Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)** grant program.
  - **\$72.8 million to provide school districts of lower wealth** with a minimum per pupil allocation.

# State Aid/Federal Stimulus Funds - ARPA

New York State allocated nearly \$9 billion ESSER funds. The enacted budget allocates:

- **\$8.09 billion (90%) to LEAs;**
- **\$629.2 million for learning loss, summer and afterschool grants;**
- **\$195 million to support new full-day 4-year-old universal prekindergarten expansion grants;**
- **\$15 million for prekindergarten expansion competitive grants;**
- **\$35 million to supplant state funds for the NYC charter facilities grant; and**
- **\$24.7 million for SED's costs to administer these funds over the next three years.**



# Non-Public Schools

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- The ESSER funds under CRRSA and ARPA **do not require equitable participation** by non-public schools.
- Two **\$250.1 million appropriations for the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)** grant programs authorized under CRRSA and ARPA.
- **\$40 million for nonpublic STEM programs** (a \$10 million increase over 2020-21).

# LEA ARPA-ESSER Requirements

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- Each LEA receiving ARPA-ESSER funding **to seek public comment from parents, teachers, and stakeholders** and create and publish a **plan to spend funds** prior to July 1, 2021.
- The plan must address **prioritizing non-recurring expenses** and identify local revenue sources to support programs that will continue beyond federal availability.

# LEA ARPA-ESSER Requirements

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- Each LEA receiving more than \$500 per student must **reserve half of its ARPA-ESSER allocation for school years 2021-22 through 2024-25** and spend one eighth in each of those school years.
- If USDE does not extend the current September 30, 2024 deadline to spend ARP-ESSER funds, DOB may allow districts to spend these revenues in the 2021-22 through 2023-24 school years, and spend 18.75% in the final two years.

# Students with Disabilities

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The enacted budget:

- **holds harmless special education tuition rates** for enrollment decreases;
- **specifies how federal paycheck protection loan forgiveness** is to be treated; and
- provides Special Act School Districts and 853 schools with the **ability to create a reserve fund.**

# Other Actions

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The enacted budget:

- **Eliminates the \$26.4 million fiscal stabilization grant to New York City;** and
- Extends the elimination of the State share for the maintenance costs of students who are placed in residential schools outside of New York City, until April 1, 2022.

# Regents Funding Priorities Included in the Enacted Budget

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The enacted budget provides funding for the following Regents priorities:

- **\$18 million for My Brother's Keeper;**
- **\$7.85 million for the Office of Professions' systems modernization;**
- **\$41 million for the multi-year cost of the state aid data system modernization;**
- **\$20 million increase in state aid for public library construction; and**
- **\$2 million to enhance supports and services for postsecondary success of students with disabilities.**

# Regents Funding Priorities Included in the Enacted Budget

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The enacted budget increases funding for the following access and opportunity programs:

- Liberty Partnerships Program: \$22.1 million
- Higher Education Opportunities Program (HEOP): \$42.6 million
- Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP): \$19 million
- Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP): \$14.4 million
- Foster Youth: \$7.2 million

# Funding Restorations

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The enacted budget restores funding proposed for elimination in the Executive Budget:

- \$35.13 million for Aid to Independent Colleges and Universities (“Bundy Aid”);
- \$25 million for the Teachers of Tomorrow program;
- \$2 million for Teacher Mentor Intern program;
- \$184,000 for Shanker Grants; and
- \$9.98 million for the 2021-22 teacher resources and computer training center program.



# Funding for Districts with Monitors

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The enacted budget provides:

- \$175,000 to Hempstead, Wyandanch and Rochester to support monitor costs;
- \$225,000 for the operational support of the East Ramapo state monitors; and
- \$1 million in supplemental funding for East Ramapo.

# Charter School Proposals

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The enacted budget **does not** include the Executive Budget's proposals to:

- allow for charters that have been surrendered, revoked, or terminated on or after July 1, 2015 to be reissued without counting toward the charter cap;
- reduce charter school tuition rates;
- lower State reimbursement through supplemental tuition payments; and
- eliminate NYC charter school facilities aid.

# Funding for Cultural Education in the Enacted Budget

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The enacted budget:

- **Restores \$2.5 million decrease in Aid to Public Libraries** proposed in the Executive Budget, for a total of \$94.1 million in 2021-22; and
- **Provides \$14 million in Aid to Educational Television and Radio**, a \$25,000 increase over 2020-21.

# Funding for ACCES in the Enacted Budget

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The enacted budget:

- **Restores the \$1.5 million decrease to Adult Literacy Aid** proposed in the Executive Budget, for a total of \$7.8 million in 2021-22; and
- **Includes \$14.4 million for Independent Living Centers**, a \$500,000 increase over 2020-21 enacted.

# Broadband Access and Digital Inclusion

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The enacted budget:

- **Requires broadband service for low-income consumers** to be provided at a cost of **no more than \$15 per month** and requires the Public Service Commission to study the availability, reliability, and cost of high-speed internet and broadband services in New York State; and
- **Appropriates \$15 million** for federally funded grants to **establish and support digital inclusion programs for low-income individuals and households.**

# OCUE Program Approval Retained

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The enacted budget **does not** include:

- Executive Budget's proposal to remove the Department's Office of College and University Evaluation's (OCUE's) review and approval of most new curriculum or program of study offered by any NYS not-for-profit college or university.

# Statutory Changes in the Enacted Budget

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The enacted budget:

- **Extends the Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act** for an additional year; and
- Establishes a hold harmless for students who could not complete a semester, quarter or term due to the pandemic to maintain financial aid eligibility.

# Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

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The enacted budget includes the following new provisions not included in the Executive Budget proposal:

- An increase in the maximum TAP award; and
- A four-year plan for the State to fund the gap in financial aid between TAP and tuition that is currently being covered by SUNY and CUNY tuition credits.



# Proposed Professions Related Statutory Changes in the Executive Budget

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The Enacted Budget does not include the Executive Budget proposals to:

- Authorize public accounting firms to incorporate in NYS with minority ownership by individuals who are not Certified Public Accountants;
- Eliminate exceptions for electronic prescribing (ePrescribing).;
- Require SED, in consultation with DOH, OMH, OASAS and OPWDD, to issue regulations to create an interstate licensure program for telehealth services;
- Expand the current law Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) program between pharmacists and physicians; and
- Increase oversight of physicians, physician assistants and specialist assistants.



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