



2024-2025
State Education Department Budget
and Legislative Initiatives

Board of Regents Meeting
December 2023

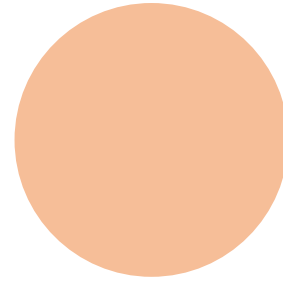


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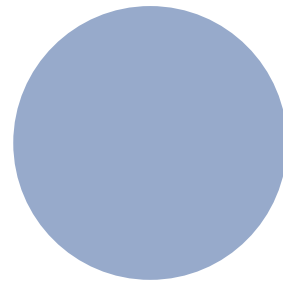


Agency-Wide Infrastructure Investments

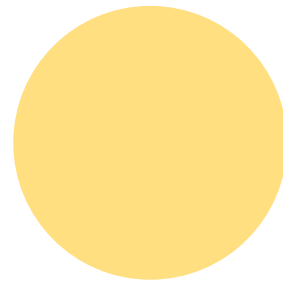
Agency Wide




Supporting ITS capital investments



Annual Fund for Software/Hardware licensing and support



Finance/HR Improved Analytical Capacity

A photograph of four diverse school children standing in a hallway. From left to right: a girl with long blonde hair wearing a blue t-shirt and a green jacket; a boy with dark hair wearing a red quilted sweater and blue jeans; a girl with blonde hair wearing a yellow and white striped shirt and blue jeans; and a boy with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. All four children have backpacks on and are smiling or looking towards the camera. The background shows a brightly lit hallway with windows.

Program Priorities Pre-kindergarten through High School Systems

Charter School Office funding- \$1.7M

Support for Governor's Zero Emission Bus Initiative & Agency Leadership Level Working Group- \$300,000

Ensuring that NYS Learning Standards reflect current research- \$1.4M

Juvenile Justice Hybrid Programming- \$20M

Supporting Capital Needs of NYSED, Nation Schools, and the NYS Schools for the Blind & Deaf- \$174M

Improving Student Assessments

- Continue Exam translations into multiple languages
- Update the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)



Early Learning

- Consolidate statewide universal full-day prekindergarten grants
- Correct conflicting supplement and not supplant language



Special Education

- State support for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until 22 - \$70.5M
- Hold harmless for school age special education programs
- Require state agencies to convene to make recommendations on how to expand residential opportunities
- Tuition rate setting methodology study additional funding- \$1.4M
- Tuition rate growth factor

Expand Access to College Course Work



Early College



Head start on higher education



Reduce overall cost and time needed to obtain a degree



Build on the success of existing efforts



Increase partnerships between school districts, institutions of higher education, and businesses

School Aid

School Aid Program	2023-2024 School Year (in millions)	Regents 2024-2025 Request (in millions)	Year-to-year Change (in millions)
Foundation Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Law \$926.8 million • FAPE 22 \$30.5 million • Formula updates: \$253.4 million 	23,998.88	25,269.09	1,270.22
Building and Transportation Aid	5,792.03	5,892.47	100.44
BOCES and Special Services	1,479.09	1,499.26	20.16
Prekindergarten Grants	1,127.59	1,226.94	99.35
Support for Students with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAPE 22 Public Excess Cost Aid: \$17.2 million • FAPE 22 Private Excess Cost Aid: \$24.2 million 	1,017.17	1,151.05	133.88
Other General Purpose Aids	307.72	312.06	4.35
Instructional Materials Aids	254.26	255.10	0.84
Other GSPS	308.94	309.28	0.34
Total GSPS	\$34,285.68	\$35,915.25	\$1,629.57

Foundation Aid

- Short-term Foundation Aid changes
 1. Update Census Poverty Counts
 2. Replace Free- and Reduced-Price Lunch counts
 3. Eliminate the income wealth index minimum
 4. Update and smooth the high need designation
 5. Needs adjusted minimum increase
- Continued need for funding for deeper Foundation Aid study - \$1M

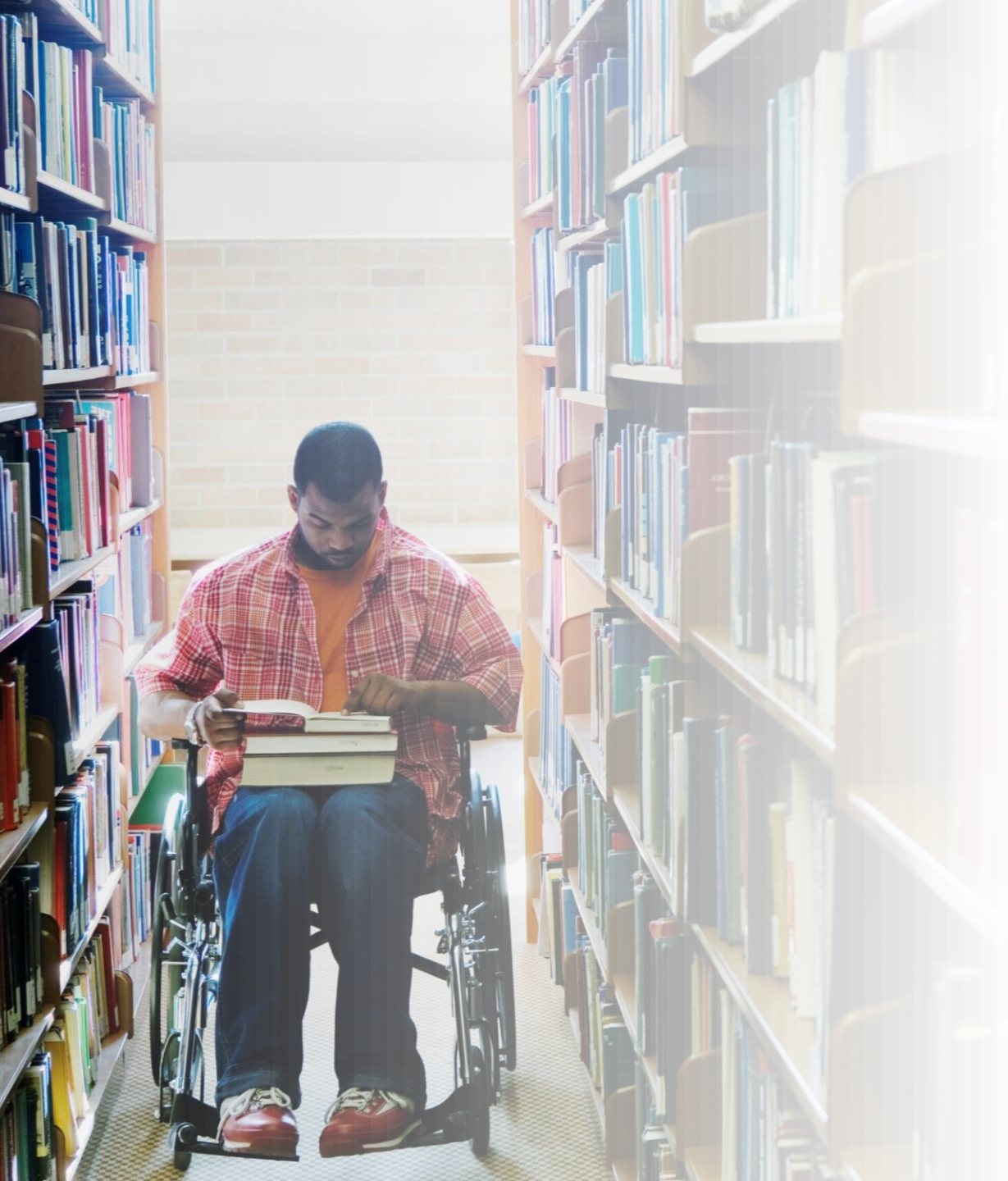
Additional School Aid

- Growth aid for districts with significant enrollment increases
- Expand funding to increase access to CTE courses for all high school students by: (1) Increasing the BOCES Aid Salary; and (2) Enhancing Special Services Aid



Program Priorities Office of Professions

- Office of Professions
Modernization
Continuation
- Opportunity Programs



Program Priorities Office of Cultural Education Program

- Cultural Education Stabilization- \$10 fee increase or \$17M
- New York State Summer School for the Arts & Scholarships- \$2M
- NOVELny- \$3M
- Talking Book & Braille Library/Conservation Preservation- \$250,000
- Library Construction Aid- \$45M

Program Priorities ACCES

- Social Security Appropriation Increase
- Adult Literacy Education (ALE) Aid to Localities
Appropriation Language

Program Priorities Higher Education

- Increases for opportunity programs- \$11.M
- Enhanced supports and services for students with disabilities for postsecondary success- \$2M
- Addressing the teacher shortage by creating a teacher recruitment system designed to attract and support prospective teachers and diversify the teacher pipeline- \$1.2M
- Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Reform legislation



Special/ Temporary

Federal Stimulus Funds

- Across Agency
- Allow us to sustain staffing that has supported the federal stimulus-funded work through the extended liquidation periods expected for ARPA- \$865,000