

2023-2024 State Aid Enacted Budget Update

Presentation to the Board of Regents

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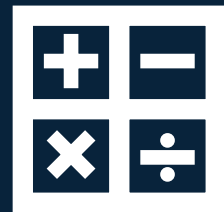
State Aid

Foundation Aid and Expense-based Aids under the Enacted Budget reflects updated data, not a reduction in either the statutory phase-in or reimbursement rates.

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Proposal	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$2,709 million	\$2,735 million	\$2,630 million
Expense-Based Aids Current Law Change	\$293 million	\$233 million	\$232 million
Pre-Kindergarten Expansion	\$0	\$125 million	\$150 million
Pre-Kindergarten Inclusivity Grant	\$20 million	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Claims Funding	\$375 million	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3.4 billion	\$3.1 billion	\$3.0 billion

2023-24 State Aid | Formula Aids

The Enacted Budget provides:



Funds the final year of the full phase-in of the Foundation Aid Formula



Provides a 3% minimum increase for all districts



Fully funds all expense-based aids; does not change current law

Pre-Kindergarten | Funding

New UPK Allocation

- 100M to 286 districts
- More than 15,000 new full-day seats
- Per pupil ranges from \$5,400 to more than \$10,000 based on Foundation aid



New Competitive Prek Grant

- \$50M for an RFP
- Awards at \$7,000 or \$10,000 depending on teacher certification
- Grants do not require districts to exhaust existing pre-k allocations to be eligible



Maintains Existing Funding

- \$615M in UPK prior to expansion
- \$340M in statewide full-day grants
- \$115M in other Prek grants



State Aid Funding Proposals

Not Included

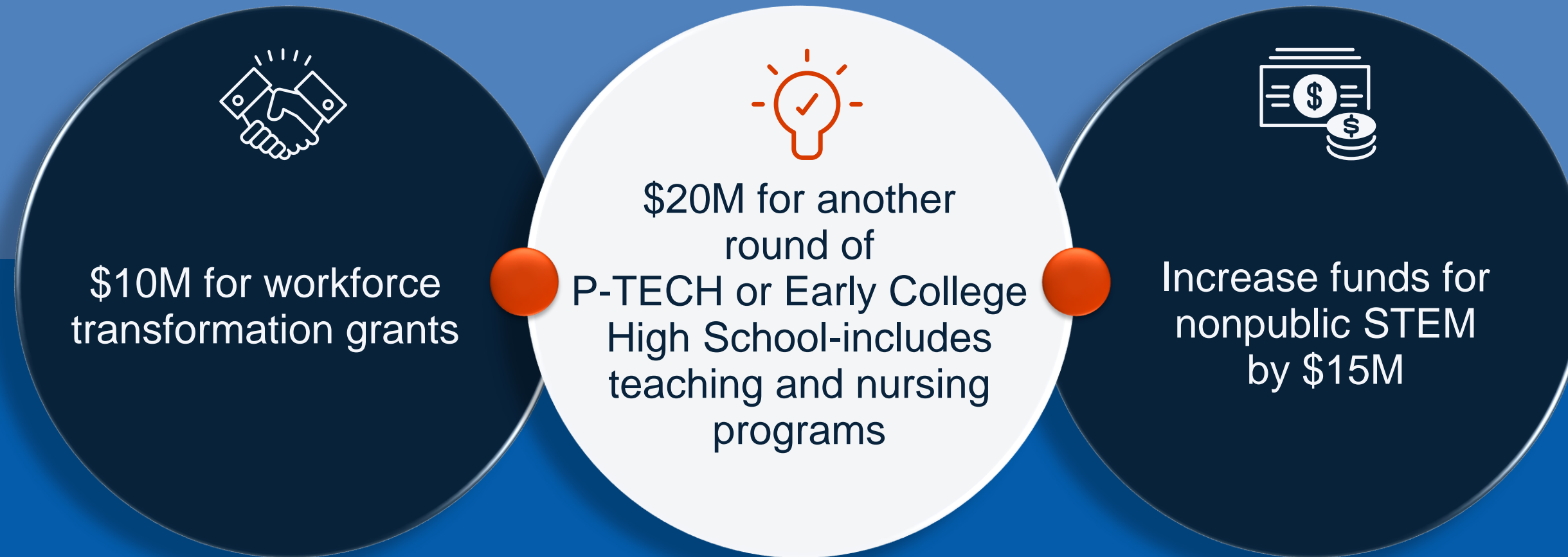
Enhancements

- Enhanced BOCES Aid or instructional materials aids
- Regionalization options
- Enhance CTE funding to enhance access
- Accelerated funding for districts with large enrollment increases

Studies

- Foundation Aid study
- Prekindergarten Funding Study

New Funding | Included



No funds were allocated to the department to do this work

2023-24 State Aid Mandate Relief Items

2023-24 State Aid New Reporting Requirements

The state financial transparency report was eliminated; school-level expenditure data remains available on the Department's Financial Transparency report

The high-impact tutoring set-aside was not enacted into law.

No funds appropriated for current prior year claim queue or for past penalties



New prekindergarten reporting to understand unmet need

New zero emission bus reporting to track progress

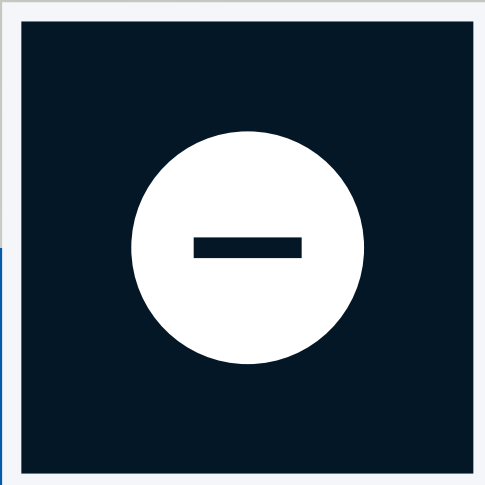
Department must issue guidance on utilizing building aid for district operated pre-k



Support for Customer Service

The Enacted Budget provides:

- * \$2.5 million for consultant services to develop a new tuition reimbursement methodology for rate setting
- * \$250,000 for contractual services to meet new department mandates under the mayoral control extension; \$964,607 was requested- this is problematic
- * Funding for the four monitors, including the fiscal consultant for the Rochester City School District
- * \$4.1 million increase in state operations funds supports some contractual cost increases for existing staff



Challenges with Support for Customer Service

The Enacted Budget did NOT provide:

- * Full support for the contractual cost increases of current staff
- * Funding requested for 150 positions for critical agency infrastructure needs
- * Support for requested investments in IT
- * The full costs of standards revision, and culturally responsive sustaining education
- * Funding to redesign pre-kindergarten funding to insure universal access to inclusive classrooms
- * Funding to support updates to the NYSESLAT, Computer-based Testing Implementation, or translations

Regents Priorities

Funded in the Enacted Budget

The Enacted Budget includes funding for the following Regents priorities:



\$18 million for the My Brother's Keeper Program



\$1 million for the Summer School for the Arts



\$27.6 million for capital needs at the State Schools for the Blind and Deaf, the Tuscarora Nation, Onondaga Nation School and St. Regis Mohawk Schools



\$169 million for expanded access to school meals to encourage participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Regents Priorities

Funded in the Enacted Budget

The enacted budget maintains flat funding levels for access and opportunity programs:

\$25 million for
Liberty
Partnerships
Program (LLP)

\$48.4 million for
the Higher
Education
Opportunities
Program (HEOP)

\$21.5 million for
the Science and
Technology Entry
Program (STEP)

\$16.3 million for the
Collegiate Science
and Technology
Entry Program
(CSTEP)

Regents Priorities

Funded in the Enacted Budget

Provides an additional \$2 million for Enhancing Supports and Services for Postsecondary Success of Students with Disabilities for a total funding level of \$4 million

Provides \$1.75 million in capital authority for the second year of the TEACH modernization project.

Maintains Readers Aid at a total level of \$1 million as requested by the Regents

Restores \$20 million for public library construction (\$34M total)

Provides \$5.2 million in capital authority to continue systems modernization efforts for the Office of the Professions




Enacted Budget | Statutory Changes

The enacted budget:

Authorizes the re-issuance of 22 charters that had been surrendered, revoked, or terminated after 2015, with up to 14 of those permitted in New York City. New charters would not be approved in a New York City geographic district where 55 percent or more students are enrolled in charter schools (this appears to affect one district).

Extends until June 30, 2024, the ability for a retired person to be employed and earn compensation in a position or positions in a public school without any effect on his or her status as retired.

Extends by one year, rather than making permanent, the elimination of the 18.4% State share for the maintenance costs of students placed in residential schools outside of New York City



Executive Budget Recommendations Not Included in the Enacted Budget

- Rejects the transfer of oversight of licensed health care professions from the Office of the Professions to the Department of Health.
- Rejects authorizing New York to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Rejects authorizing public accounting firms to incorporate in New York State with minority ownership by individuals who are not Certified Public Accountants.
- Rejects allowing applicants for licensure in a qualified high-need healthcare profession to request the issuance of a temporary practice permit.
- Rejects various proposals expanding the scope of practice for pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, and dentists.



Questions?



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