

# 2023-24 Regents State Aid Proposal

November 2022

**Board of Regents** 



#### **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



## Overview of Conceptual Proposal

**Equity in Foundation Aid** 

Equity in Operating Aid for Districts with Rapid Enrollment Growth

Fully Fund Expense-Based Aids

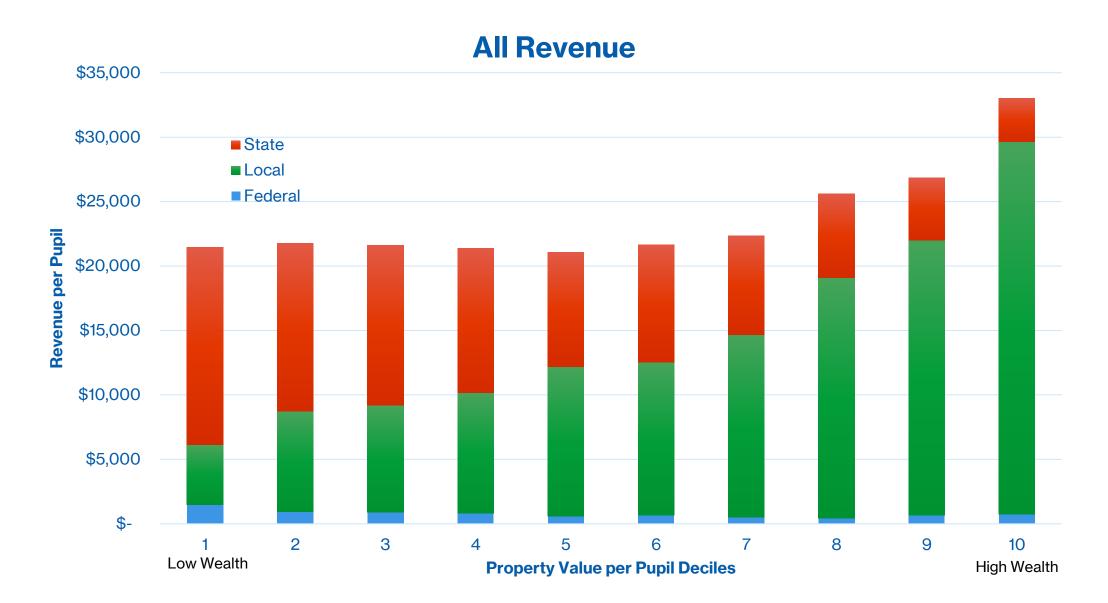
Expand Access to Career and Technical Education

Regionalization Options for Educational Equity

Transportation

Other Finance and Reporting Issues

#### **State Aid Fosters Equity**







Complete 100% phase-in of foundation aid under current law

# **Equity in Foundation Aid**



Provide wealth-adjusted minimum increase for districts on save-harmless



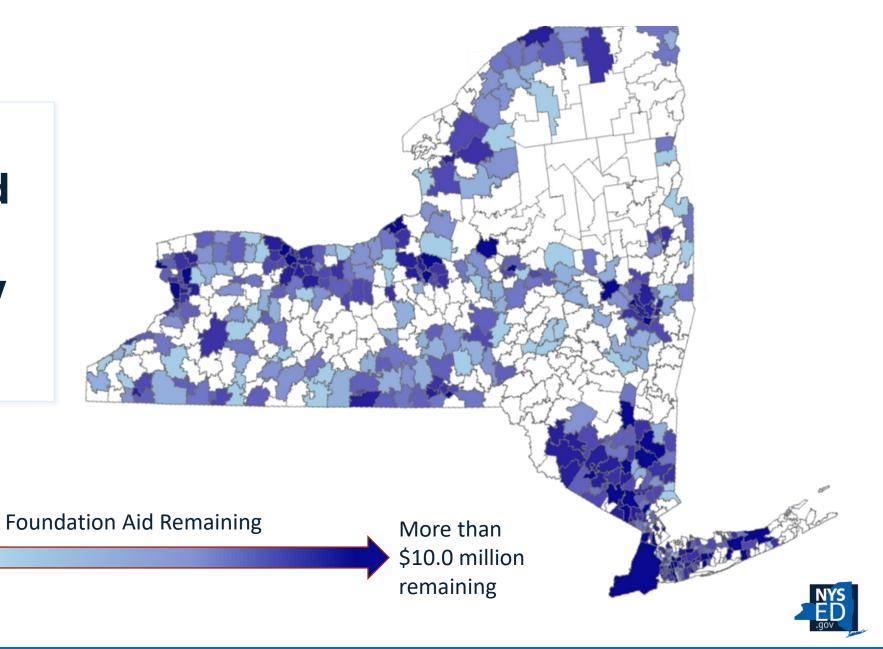
Contract with researchers and engage with stakeholders on foundation aid formula changes for 2024-25, after full phase-in



# Foundation Aid Increases Geographically

Save Harmless

Zero Remaining







**Equity in Operating Aid for Districts with Rapid Enrollment Growth** 

Accelerate Foundation Aid for districts projecting growth in enrollment above a certain threshold

Districts would be eligible to apply for current year funding if enrollment increases by 2% or more and +40 students





### **Equity:** Fully Fund Expense-Based Aids

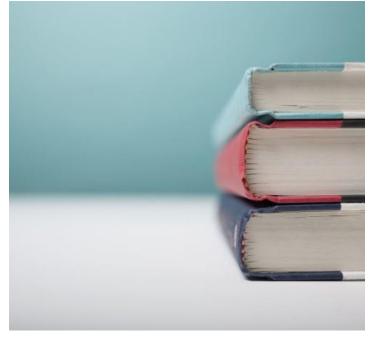


Fully fund expensebased aids from previous years, consistent with existing law, including:

- Building Aid
- Transportation Aid
- Excess Cost Aid
- BOCES Aid

### Digital Equity & Learning through Instructional Materials Aids

| Textbook: \$58.25             | <b>\$98.33 x Aid Ratio</b> (minimum \$58.25)            |
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| Library Materials: \$6.25     | <b>\$10.55 x Aid Ratio</b> (minimum \$6.25)             |
| Software: \$14.98             | <b>\$25.29 x Aid Ratio</b> (minimum \$14.98)            |
| Hardware: \$24.20 x Aid Ratio | \$40.85 x Aid Ratio (current law includes an aid ratio) |













#### Equity, Learning & P20 Continuum: Expand Access to Career and Technical Education

Create another tier of aid for CTE to accompany BOCES aid for other services, capital and lease costs, and administration

Provide more equitable support for CTE programming in non-BOCES districts by creating a new, reimbursement-based special services formula that would generate higher aid amounts



#### Address detrimental enrollment declines

Equity, Learning & P20
Continuum:
Regionalization
Options



Create equity in opportunities for more course options



Ensure wide variety of educational programming available statewide



Encourage more mergers at the local level with streamlined aid programs and a combination of existing aid



## **Customer Service: Transportation**

2022-23 enacted budget required all new school bus purchases to be electric, starting in 2027

 Conceptual proposal would make bus electrification studies transportation aid eligible

Regional transportation collaboratives:

 provide centralized transportation through regional contracts or shared depots,

 reduce systemic costs by streamlining redundant services, and

 uses most favorable transportation aid ratio among participants.





# **Customer Service: Other Finance and Reporting Issues**



Convene a multi-agency team to streamline financial reporting



Fully fund the prior year claims queue



Appropriate funds to repay penalty forgiveness authorized in 2022-23

#### **Next Steps**

