

2026-2027 Regents Budget and Legislative Priorities

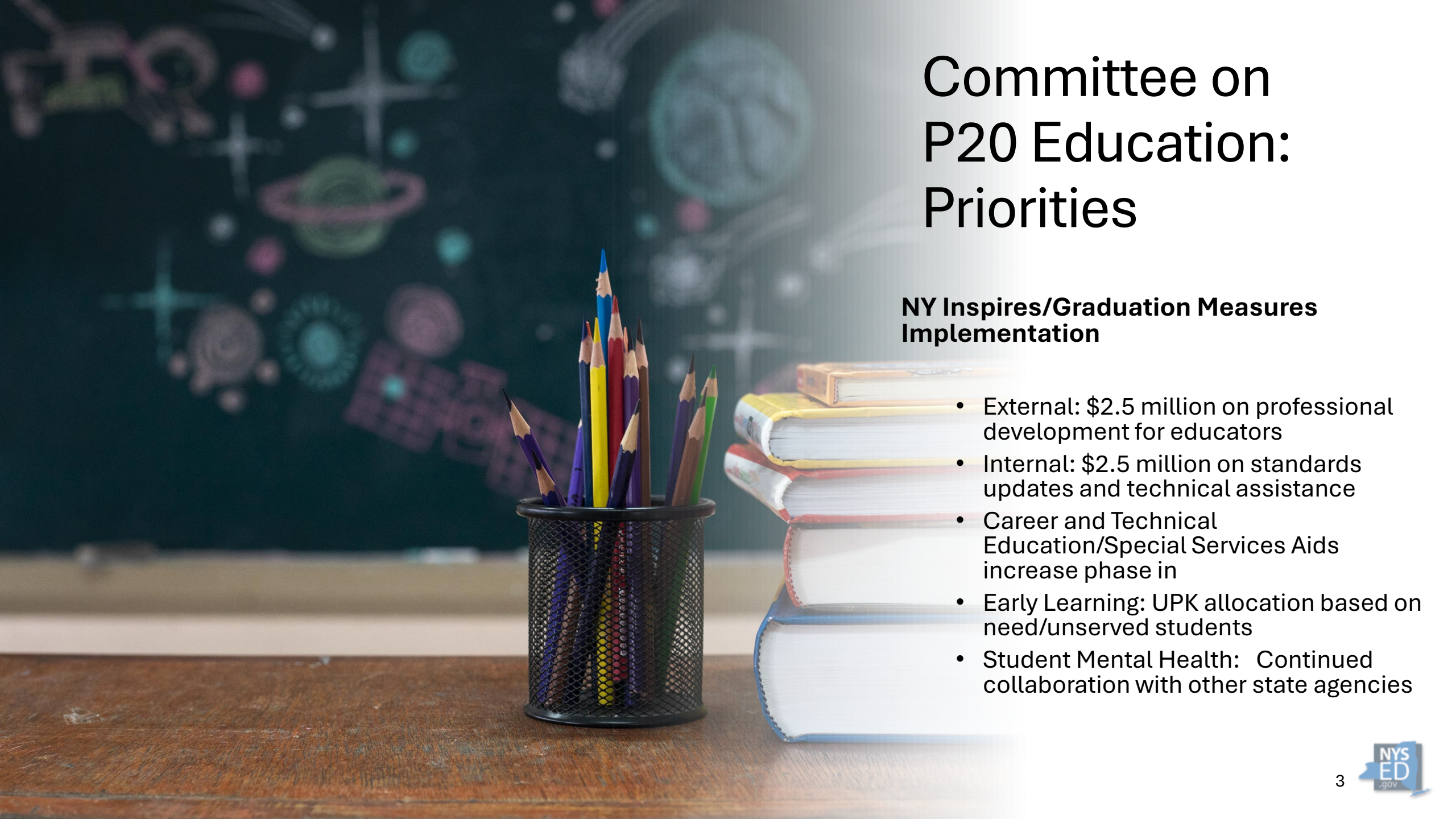
Board of Regents Meeting
November 2025



Regents Priorities

Committee on P20 Education: Priorities

NY Inspires/Graduation Measures Implementation

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- External: \$2.5 million on professional development for educators
 - Internal: \$2.5 million on standards updates and technical assistance
 - Career and Technical Education/Special Services Aids increase phase in
 - Early Learning: UPK allocation based on need/unserved students
 - Student Mental Health: Continued collaboration with other state agencies

Committee on P20 Education: Priorities

- FAPE 22 statutory change
- Preschool special education services statutory change
- Juvenile Justice High School start up funding
- Community schools – long term priority



A photograph of a man in a wheelchair and a woman in a modern office setting. The man is sitting in a black wheelchair, wearing a white t-shirt and grey pants, smiling at the woman. The woman is sitting in a chair, wearing a blue blazer, and gesturing with her hand while talking to the man. They are in a bright, modern office with large windows and wooden floors. The background shows a lounge area with blue sofas and green cushions.

Committee on ACCES: Priorities

- FAPE 22 funding
- Postsecondary success of students with disabilities (SWD)
\$2 million increase (to \$6 million)
- BPSS funds statutory change for improved monitoring
- Vocational rehabilitation (VR) services grants statutory change to prevent barriers to SWD college selection

Committee on Cultural Education: Priorities

- \$12 million for Office of Cultural Education (State Library, State Museum, and State Archives) revenue stabilization
- \$6 million increase for library construction grants
- \$1.2 million increase for Summer School for the Arts
- Office of Cultural Education and its programs (ArchivesJr!, museum investments, etc.)
- Conservation and safe storage of precious historical objects, books, and documents



A blurred background image showing a large group of graduates in black caps and gowns with red tassels, likely at a commencement ceremony. The focus is on the foreground, with many graduates visible in the background.

Committee on Higher Education: Priorities

- Post Secondary Access and Success
 - 10% growth in funding for each of the opportunity programs (HEOP, STEP, CSTEP, LPP) (\$11.4 million)
 - \$1 million increase for the academic assistance for foster youth program (\$9.4 million)
 - \$2 million increase in support for postsecondary success of students with disabilities (\$6 million)
- Funding to continue Teach.org (\$1.29 million)

Committee on Professions: Priorities

Provide continued appropriations at a sufficient level for the Department to continue to do its work



State Aid to Districts

School Aid – Foundation Aid

- Fully fund current formula
- Addressing Gaps in Foundation Aid
 - Enhancing support for districts serving English language learners
 - Recognizing needs for students lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence



School Aid – Expense Based Aids

Present Law

- Fully fund expense-based aids
- Fund current law formulas

Additional Enhancements

- UPK Grant Expansion: targeting gaps in high need school districts
- State Aid for Students with Disabilities through Age 22
- Shared services increase for parity with BOCES aid
- One-time grants for shared services (non-merger)

Other Department Requests

- Investments in agency capacity to manage, access and analyze data, use AI and administer funding programs.
- Expansions of the dual enrollment program funded last year and P-TEACH, plus associated staffing
- Support for School Health Technical Assistance Center
- Continued support for assessment translations
- Athletics Coordinator
- Update Building Aid Guidelines

Capital Requests

- **Education Building (\$14.8M):** Remainder of funding for exterior marble and terracotta work and replacement of a critical freight elevator
- **Cultural Ed Building (\$1.5M):** Critical conservation, visitor experience and security equipment for the Office of Cultural Education

State-operated and State-owned School Buildings in Indigenous Nations: Continue the forward progress on restoring these buildings to fully operative conditions-

- **NYS for the Blind: \$25.5 million**
- **NYS for the Deaf: \$8.5 million**
- **Tuscarora Nation School: \$10.7 million**
- **St Regis: new school building or funding for design**
- **Onondaga: \$51.2 million**

Next Steps

1

School aid
database
November 15

2

Model school aid
recommendations
to generate cost
estimates

3

Finalize proposals
to be voted on at
the December
meeting