2024-2025 State Education Department Budget and Legislative Initiatives

Board of Regents Meeting

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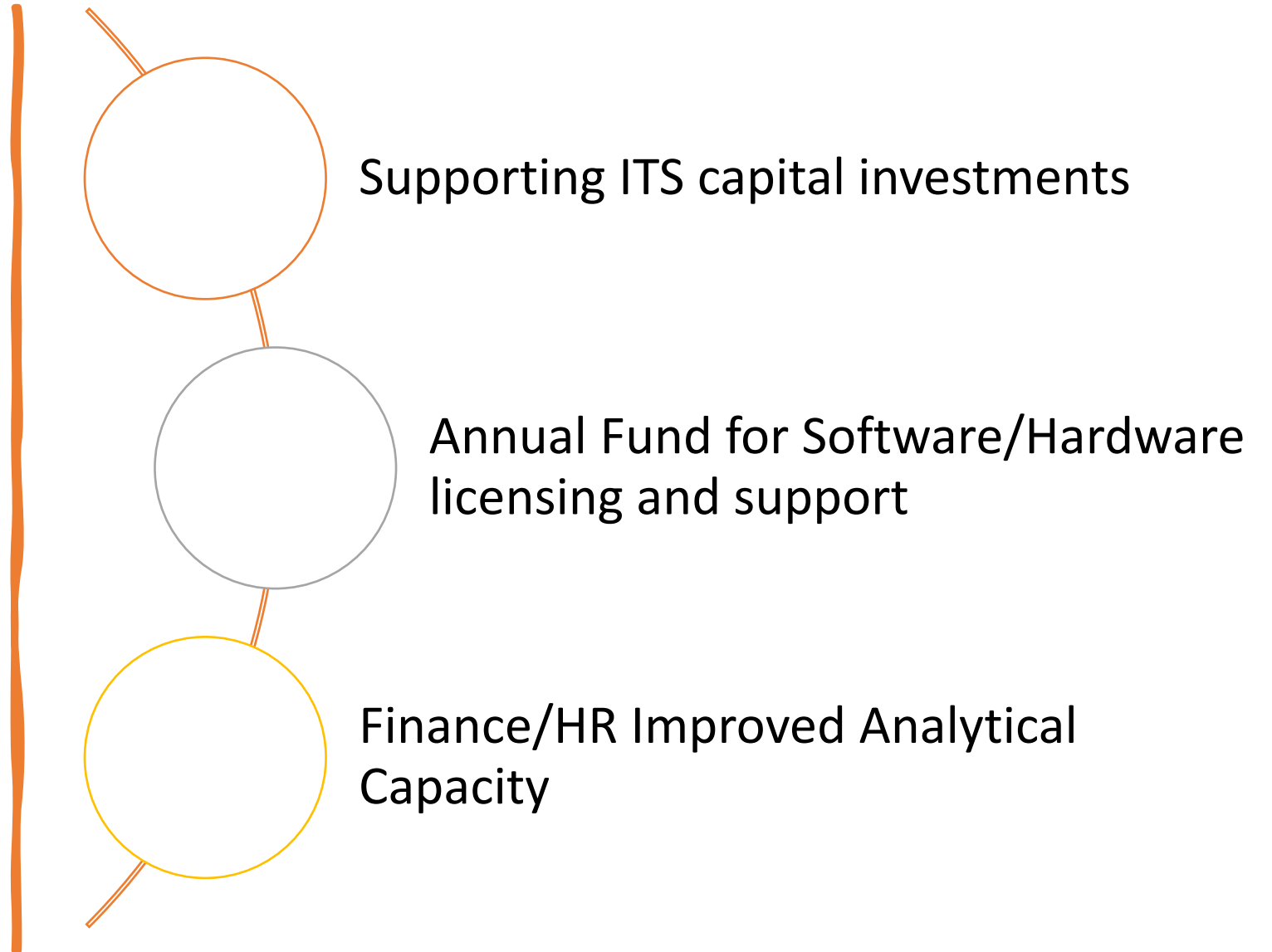
Agency-Wide Infrastructure Investments

Agency Wide

Supporting ITS capital investments

Annual Fund for Software/Hardware licensing and support

Finance/HR Improved Analytical Capacity

Program Office Systems Investments

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- Pre-Kindergarten through College Systems & Ongoing Projects

- State contribution for development of Statewide Longitudinal Data System

- Special Education Data System

- Continuing Support for Ongoing System Modernization Projects

  (Professions, TEACH, OCUE, etc.)

Program Priorities

Program Priorities Pre-kindergarten through High School Systems

- Support for English Language Learners and recent immigrants

- Charter School Office funding

- Support for Governor's Zero Emission Bus Initiative

- Ensuring that NYS Learning Standards reflect current research

- Support for Special Education students and programs

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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 until 22:
  - Hold harmless for school age special education programs
  - Require state agencies to convene to make recommendations on how to expand residential opportunities
  - Tuition rate growth factor

School Aid

- Short-term Foundation Aid changes
- Continued need for funding for deeper Foundation Aid study
- Growth aid for districts with significant enrollment increases
- Increase the BOCES Aid Salary Cap
- Enhance Special Services Aid

Expand Access to College and CTE Course Work

Early College

- Create a new "College Course Aid" funding formula to increase partnerships between school districts and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to provide greater access to college-level coursework in high school, and to support the costs for college credit

CTE

- Expand funding to increase access to CTE courses for all high school students

- Increase reimbursements for CTE teachers

Program Priorities Office of Professions

- Office of Professions Modernization Continuation
- Opportunity Programs

Program Priorities Office of Cultural Education Program

- Cultural Education Stabilization

- NOVELny

- Talking Book & Braille Library/Conservation Preservation

- Library Construction Aid

Program Priorities ACCES

- Social Security Appropriation Increase

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

Program Priorities Higher Education

- Increases for opportunity programs

- Enhanced supports and services for students with disabilities for postsecondary success

- Addressing the teacher shortage by creating a teacher recruitment system designed to attract and support prospective teachers and diversify the teacher pipeline

- Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Reform

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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