



TO: Cultural Education Committee
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SUBJECT: 2020-21 Non-State Aid Budget and Legislative Priorities
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SUMMARY

Issues for Discussion

The Regents advance Non-State Aid budget and legislative requests every year, which reflect initiatives that support the Board's priorities by augmenting or adding funds to the State Education Department's budget. These funds are necessary so that the Department has the resources it needs to meet the Board's policy priorities.

At the September meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2019-20 budget cycle and legislative session. At the October meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these previous Non-State Aid proposals, as well as identify and discuss any new initiatives the Committee would like to consider. The proposals will be sent back to committees as appropriate in November for further consideration and will come before the full Board in December for approval.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review and update of the Regent's Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents review last year's proposals to identify modifications, as appropriate, and any new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2020-21 Non-State Aid budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2020-21 Potential Non-State Aid Budget Priorities – Cultural Education

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
State Aid for Library Construction- Increasing funding to better ensure that all New Yorkers continue to have access to state-of-the-art libraries.	\$11M	Equity	The Board proposed \$11M over 2018-19 funding level (for a total of \$45M in 2019-20).
Continuing Access to the NYS Summer School of the Arts- State funding to ensure that NYSSSA can remain available to all eligible students regardless of financial need and to reduce the negative balance in the Cultural Education account.	\$1.5M	Equity	New proposal.

2020-21 Potential Legislative and Budget Priorities – Cultural Education

Proposal Description	Amount of Proposed Request	Policy Area	New or Previous Proposal?
Expanding Access to Education Programs through Cultural Institutions- Establishing competitive grants through the Museum Education Act to support cultural institutions that seek to establish or improve museum education programs designed to improve and support student learning opportunities, including supporting the development of local curricular aids.	\$5M	Equity	The Board proposed \$5M in 2019-20 to support the enactment of the Museum Education Act.