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Review of the 2023-24 Executive Budget

Presentation to the Board of Regents

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2023-24 State Aid Overview

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Budget
Foundation Aid	\$2.709 billion	\$2.735 billion
Expense-Based Aids	\$293 million	\$233 million
Pre-Kindergarten Expansion	\$0	\$100 million
Pre-Kindergarten Inclusivity Grant	\$20 million	\$0
Prior Year Claims Funding	\$375 million	\$0
TOTAL	\$3.4 billion	\$3.1 billion

2023-24 State Aid – Formula Aids

The 2023-24 Executive Budget:



Funds the third and 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

2023-24 State Aid – New Grants

\$100 million
Universal
Prekindergarten
allocational
expansion

\$25 million in new
competitive
prekindergarten
grants

\$250 million set-aside
within Foundation Aid for
high impact tutoring

No funds were appropriated for the Department to administer these grants.

Regents Priorities Funded in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

The 2023-24 Executive Budget provides funding for the following Regents priorities:

\$18 million for the My Brother's Keeper program;

\$2.5 million for consultants and staff **to redesign the tuition rate-setting methodology** for approved school-age and preschool special education providers; and

\$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.

Regents Priorities Funded in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

Continuation of \$2 million for Enhancing Supports and Services for Postsecondary Success of Students with Disabilities;

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

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

Proposed Statutory Changes in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

The 2023-24 Executive Budget would:

- **Transfer oversight of licensed health care professions from the Office of the Professions to the Department of Health;**
- **Eliminate the regional cap on the number of charters that may be issued in New York City and authorize reissuance of charters for schools that subsequently closed; and**
- **Make permanent the elimination of the 18.4% State share for the maintenance costs of students placed in residential schools outside of New York City - an estimated \$21 million annual cost to school districts.**
- **Extend, until June 30, 2024, the ability for a retired school employees to be employed by a public school and earn without any effect on their status as retired, impact on their allowance, or waiver needed.**

Proposed Statutory Changes in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **Authorize public accounting firms to incorporate in New York State with minority ownership by individuals who are not Certified Public Accountants** and require a \$900 triennial fee to be paid to the Department;
- **Authorize New York to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Nurse Licensure Compact** which allows physicians and nurses to become licensed in multiple states;
- **Allow applicants for licensure in a qualified high-need healthcare profession to request the issuance of a temporary practice permit while their licensure application is under review; and**
- **Propose numerous scope of practice changes for the licensed professions including, for pharmacists and physician assistants.**

Access and Opportunity Programs

The Executive Budget proposes the following 2023-24 funding levels for access and opportunity programs:

\$24.2 million for Liberty Partnerships - \$738,000 decrease;

\$46.9 million for the Higher Education Opportunities Program (HEOP) - \$1.4 million decrease;

\$20.9 million for the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) - \$636,000 decrease; and

\$15.8 million for the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) - \$482,000 decrease.

High School to College Pathways

- The Regents proposed a \$10.5 million initiative to consolidate the Early College High Schools (**ECHS**), Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (**P-TECH**) and Advanced Course Access (**ACA**) programs into a new College Credit and Career Opportunity Program with increased flexibility for school districts.
- The 2023-24 Executive Budget proposes \$20 million for PTECH/ECHS, an increase of \$11 million over the \$9 million in 2022-23. Programs focusing on computer science and/or computer hardware and software engineering would be prioritized.
- The 2023-24 Executive Budget also proposes \$10 million in new funding for **high school-college workforce transformation grants** to implement strategic workforce plans that promote job readiness in their local economies.

Cultural Education

The Executive Budget proposes the following for Cultural Education related programs:

- **\$96.1 million for Aid to Public Libraries, a decrease of \$3.5 million;**
- **\$14 million for Public Library Construction, a decrease of \$20 million (Regents requested \$45 million); and**
- **\$14 million for Aid to Educational Television and Radio, a decrease of \$7.8 million.**

ACCES

For ACCES programs, the 2023-24 Executive proposes:

- **Continuation of \$16 million for Independent Living Centers;**
- **Continuation of \$1 million for Readers Aid; and**
- **\$7.8 million for adult literacy education aid, a decrease of \$1.5 million from 2022-23.**

NYSED Staffing to Support Initiatives and Infrastructure Needs

- **For 2023-24, the Department and Regents requested \$16.6 million in new state general funds to support 187 new positions.**
- **In addition to \$12.9 million in funding and 150 positions for critical agency infrastructure needs, the request included \$3.7 million and 37 staff to support Board of Regents initiatives.**
- **Other than the 5 staff requested to support tuition rate-setting methodology redesign, there is no funding for additional staff in the 2023-24 Executive Budget.**

Regents Priorities Not Included in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **\$1 million for the Department to study potential future changes to the Foundation Aid formula;**
- **Enhancements to textbook, library, software, and hardware aid;**
- **Aid for districts with large current year increases in enrollment;**
- **State aid changes to expand access to career and technical education (CTE);**
- **State aid changes to support school district regionalization efforts;**
- **\$75 million to repay forgiven late building final cost report and transportation contract penalties authorized in 2022-23;**
- **\$300 million to pay valid school district claims in the prior year aid claims queue;**
- **Making bus electrification studies aidable under transportation aid;**

Regents Priorities Not Included in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **\$1.1 million to support redesigning state-administered prekindergarten programs;**
- **\$20 million for a preschool inclusivity grant;**
- **\$570,000 to support standards revision and implementation in health, computer science and the arts;**
- **\$961,000 to align NYS Learning Standards and practices to the Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Framework;**
- **\$2 million in grant funding to schools to integrate food, nutrition and agriculture education into the regular, standards-based classroom curriculum;**
- **\$11.1 million increase over 2022-23 levels for the opportunity programs;**

Regents Priorities Not Included in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **\$5 million to support needed updates to the NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT);**
- **Tuition rate-setting statutory amendments to require trend factor parity, issuance of interim plus growth rates and tuition reimbursement for adults in student placements;**
- **\$21 million to support the transition to 100% computer-based testing implementation;**
- **\$500,000 to continue translating five of the Regents Exams, the Grades 3-8 Math Tests, and the Elementary- and Intermediate-level Science Tests into Arabic, Bengali, and Simplified Chinese;**
- **\$1.6 million to translate Department documents to communicate crucial information about available education programs and services to parents and students who do not speak English as their primary language;**

Regents Priorities Not Included in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **\$1.96 million to support essential IT maintenance procurements;**
- **\$1.5 million to support the successful modernization of the State Education Department Reference File (SEDREF) application;**
- **\$500,000 to upgrade the Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA) Test Fraud Reporting Portal and Case Tracker;**
- **\$2 million to operate New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) programs and provide summer arts program scholarships;**
- **\$10.00 fee increase to fully support and fund current operating needs of the Office of Cultural Education by stabilizing the Cultural Education Revenue Account and Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund; and**
- **Increase in the direct storage fees for State Records Center to reflect actual costs.**

Unfunded Mandates in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **School district annual report to the Department on actual and potential prekindergarten applications;**
- **School district annual report to the Department on progress in meeting zero emission school bus requirements enacted in 2022-23;**
- **Five year extension of the current redundant state school transparency report;**
- **Elimination of funding for the Rochester, Hempstead, Wyandanch and East Ramapo monitors;**
- **Implementation of \$10 million for new high school-college workforce transformation grants;**
- **Implementation of \$11 million increase in PTECH/ECHS programs;**

Unfunded Mandates in the 2023-24 Executive Budget

- **Implementation of a new \$750,000 middle school expanded mathematics access program;**
- **Implementation of \$100 million Pre-K expansion;**
- **Implementation of \$25 million Pre-K RFP; and**
- **Implementation of \$250 million foundation aid high impact tutoring set-aside.**

Understanding the Challenging RFP Implementation Process

When the enacted budget requires funding to be allocated through a competitive process, the Department must award contracts through a Request For Proposals (RFP) process which provides the rules, requirements and timeframes for such awards.

It usually takes approximately 10 months from the time RFP development starts to contract award.

5 of the 10 months (half of the time) is spent waiting for approvals from external state agencies:

- Approximately 2 months is spent waiting for Division of Budget (DOB) approval to issue the RFP;**
- Approximately 2 months is spent waiting for DOB to approve the award list; and**
- Approximately 1 month is spent waiting for the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to approve the procurement record.**



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