

Expanding Learning Time

What this looks like: afterschool programs, extra-curricular activities, tutoring, longer school days or years & summer school, all of which are aligned with a quality curriculum that is aimed at further building a student's skills

What's happening in New York:

- **For the first time:** in the 2013-2014 enacted budget, \$25 million was invested in a grant program to expand learning time in schools.

Benefits of Expanding Learning Time:

- Decrease of summer learning loss
- Increase of tutoring and enrichment opportunities
- Increase of collaborative time for teachers

Concerns:

- **Too small:** the funds invested in expanding learning time will only benefit one-half of one percent (0.5%) of New York's students
- **Too many cuts:** over the last 4 years, \$2.7 billion has been cut from schools. This has resulted in afterschool, tutoring, extra-curricular, and summer school being reduced or eliminated. Schools are struggling to even regain the programs that they lost in order to meet their students' needs.

AQE's position on teaching initiatives:

- The state should provide adequate state aid to maintain existing programs that expand time in school, school based activities and quality after school programs.
- Expanding learning time programs should be extended to provide these services to all students who need them.

