



2016 Education Budget Proposals Comparison

***Highlighted sections represent the positions AQE endorses or prefers**

	Executive	Assembly	Senate
Total School Aid Increase	\$961 Million	\$2.13 Billion	\$1.65 Billion
Foundation Aid	\$266 Million	\$1.1 Billion Strengthens Foundation Aid Formula's distribution to High Need Schools.	\$880 Million Weakens Foundation Aid Formula's distribution to High Need Schools.
Phase in of Foundation Aid Formula	No Phase In	Equitable 4 Year Phase In	No Phase In
Gap Elimination Adjustment	\$189 Million Partial Elimination of GEA this year, commitment for full elimination in 2017-18.	\$434 Million Complete elimination of the GEA this year. Only 23% of GEA goes to high need school districts.	\$434 Million Complete elimination of the GEA this year. Only 23% of GEA goes to high need school districts.
Community Schools	\$100 Million Creates positive new initiative for community schools in high need districts by establishing stable, formula based funding.	\$200 Million Expands on Governor's proposal to invest in community schools in high need districts, including stable, formula based funding. Prioritizes parent engagement & accountability.	\$0 No investment in community schools.
Pre-K	\$22 Million Creates a 7th Pre-K program. Expanding access to 3 year olds only. No investment to expand access to all 4 year olds as promised.	\$22 Million Expands Priority Full Day Pre-K for 4 year olds.	\$0 Does not include any new funding for Pre-K for 3 or 4 year olds.

Pre-K Quality Initiatives	\$2 Million Invests in QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system.	\$2 Million Invests in quality improvements based upon regulations to be determined by Commissioner of Education.	\$2 Million Invests in QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system.
My Brother's Keeper Initiative	No Action Taken.	\$50 Million Strategic investments in programs targeted for boys and young men of color to promote positive outcomes in school and beyond.	No Action Taken.
Positive School Climate/ Restorative Justice in Public Schools	No Action Taken.	The My Brother's Keeper and community schools proposals promote positive school climate and alternatives to suspensions.	No Action Taken.
Positive School Climate/Restorative Justice in Charter School	No Action Taken.	Requires charters to create a code of conduct, report on school discipline and follow the same law on discipline as public schools.	No Action Taken.
Contracts for Excellence	Keeps Contracts for Excellence for districts in the program unless all schools are in good standing.	Eliminates Contract for Excellence.	Continues the Contract for Excellence for New York City only.
Dream Act	\$27 Million Enacts the NYS Dream Act to allow undocumented immigrant students to access state aid for higher education.	\$27 Million Enacts the NYS Dream Act to allow undocumented immigrant students to access state aid for higher education.	\$0 Rejects the Dream Act.
Education Tax Credit/ Parental Choice in Education Act	\$150 Million Allows a 75% credit up to \$1 million for donations to private, parochial or public schools.	\$0 Rejects the Education Tax Credit.	\$150 Million this year Increasing the total commitment to \$225 million next year and \$300 million in two years . Allows a 90% credit up to \$1 million for donations to private, parochial, charter or public schools.

<p>Charter Schools</p>	<p>1) Increases State Charter school supplemental tuition aid by \$150 to \$500 per pupil, costs \$63 million. 2) Adds \$27.4 million for per pupil state aid to charter schools. 3) Unfreezes basic tuition for NYC Charter schools at cost of at least \$12.4 million, or much more, to NYC public schools. 4) Makes NYC facilities aid to charters permanent requiring NYC DOE to pay rent for new or expanding charter schools. 5) Does not include any new accountability or oversight.</p>	<p>1) No increases in NYS or NYC funding for charter schools. 2) No changes in current rules for NYC regarding space for charter schools or charter school rent. 3) Creates accountability for meeting enrollment and retention targets for English Language Learners, students with disabilities, students living in poverty, students in temporary or transitional housing. 4) Strengthens requirements for audits.</p>	<p>1) Increases State Charter school supplemental tuition aid by \$150 to \$500 per pupil, costs \$63 million. 2) Adds \$54.8 million for per pupil state aid to charter schools. 3) Adds \$15 million for conversion charter schools. 4) Unfreezes basic tuition for NYC Charter schools at cost of at least \$12.4 million, or much more, to NYC public schools. 5) Makes NYC facilities aid to charters permanent requiring NYC DOE to pay rent for new or expanding charter schools. 6) Increase charter rent paid by NYC DOE. 7) Requires NYC to provide more space in the same building to expanding charter schools, regardless of effect on other co-located schools. 8) Decreases accountability by allowing charter schools to decide which authorizer oversees them.</p>
<p>Special Treatment for Eva Moskowitz’s Success Academy</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>	<p>1) Exempts NYC charter schools from standard requirements for entering into pre-K contracts. 2) Removes limits on number of uncertified teachers for some charter schools, which would allow entire schools to be staff with uncertified teachers.</p>