



2018-19 Executive Budget Proposal Analysis

	<b>Executive Proposal</b>	<b>NYS Board of Regents Recommendations</b>	<b>Alliance for Quality Education Demands</b>
<b>Total Proposed School Aid Increase</b>	<b>\$769 Million Increase</b>	<b>\$1.6 Billion Increase</b>	<b>\$2.17 Billion Increase</b>
<b>Phase-in of Foundation Aid Formula</b>	<b>No</b> commitment to fully phase-in Foundation Aid.	<b>Phase-In</b> As of the November 2017 School Aid Database, \$4.2 billion owed in Foundation Aid. The Regents State Aid Proposal continues its commitment to advocate for the full phase in of the formula over three years.	<b>3 Year Phase-In</b> Education justice requires adequate and equitably distributed funding for our public schools. New York State has a funding formula that was created out of the demand for equity and adequacy. It is time that the state fully funds the Foundation Aid formula and fulfills the statewide settlement of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity.
<b>Foundation Aid</b>	<b>\$338 Million</b> - \$50 million of this is set aside for community schools	<b>\$1.25 Billion</b> - \$85 Million set aside for English Language Learners	<b>\$1.4 Billion</b> Strengthen Foundation Aid formula distribution to high need schools.
<b>Community Schools</b>	<b>No Increase in Separate Funding for Community Schools</b> Foundation Aid includes a set aside for community schools which is increased by \$50 million, but enforcement capacity to ensure these funds go to community schools is weak.	<b>No Increase</b>	<b>\$50 Million Increase</b> We want strong schools with curricula that are engaging, relevant and rigorous; support high-quality teaching and not high stakes testing; social, emotional, health and mental health services as well as wraparound supports for every child; student-centered school climate, and transformative parent and community engagement.
<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>\$15 Million for expansion of access</b> To expand half-day and full-day Pre-K for three and four year olds.	<b>\$20 million for expansion of access</b> -Increasing the number of full-day seats available for four year olds. -The Board proposes that a study be conducted regarding the cost to districts to provide transportation services for district Pre-K programs.	<b>\$150 million for expansion of access including</b> New York needs to fulfill its promise to provide full-day Pre-K for all 3- and 4-year-olds across the state.

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<p><b>Charter Schools</b></p>	<p><b>\$22.6 Million Increase for NYC Charter Tuition</b>            -New York State would provide \$22.6 million to charter schools in New York City via direct grant</p> <p><b>Eliminate Reimbursement of Supplemental Basic Tuition Aid for New York City.</b> In NYC this extra tuition would now be paid by the NYC schools, while the state continues to reimburse it in other districts statewide. Currently this is \$1000 per charter student.</p> <p><b>Provides for 3% increase in charter school tuition paid by local school districts statewide enacted in 2017.</b></p> <p><b>NYC Would be Required to Pay for Additional Rental Assistance for Charter Schools.</b> In addition to paying rent for charter schools, NYC would be required to cover the full cost of lease payments, renovations, repairs, utilities, cleaning, security, insurance and property taxes. The Executive budget also proposes capping the reimbursements that NYC receives from the state for the facilities aid it provides charter schools at \$10 million. Currently, New York City receives a reimbursement of 60% for the aid that it provides to charters.</p>	<p><b>No Proposal</b></p>	<p><b>5 Year Moratorium on New Charter Schools</b>            The continuous decrease in funding for public schools in order to fund charter schools undermines the efforts of local school districts. With a five-year moratorium on new charters, we can stop hindering the success of school districts while continuing to support existing charter schools. During this time we need to collect hard data on public schools and charter schools. In five years, we will review the data and lift the moratorium if necessary, or accept that traditional public schools can and will educate our future workforce and leaders.</p> <p><b>Decouple state aid increases to education from mandatory tuition increases that districts are required to pay to charter schools.</b>            The 2017-18 enacted budget requires school districts to pay annual tuition increases to charter schools.</p>

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<b>Child Care</b>	<p><b>\$7 Million Restoration</b>            -The Governor proposes to restore \$7 million that was cut from child care subsidies last year.</p>		<p><b>Invest \$100M for child care assistance.</b>            Expand access to quality child care and stabilize the child care workforce — the need is urgent. Currently the state serves only about 20% of the children eligible for subsidized child care, leaving working families without the crucial support they need to keep parents earning and children learning. We support the Empire State Child Care Campaign and the Winning Beginning NY coalition’s agenda to meet this urgent need. Child care and Head Start programs are vital partners with Pre-K in expanding early learning across the state.</p>
<b>Creating a Positive School Climate</b>	<p><b>\$500,000 Gang Prevention Programs</b>            Grants may be made available to the Dept. of Criminal Justice to provide support for gang prevention initiatives for middle and high school students.</p> <p><b>\$10 million for After school programs</b></p> <p><b>\$5 million for Breakfast After the Bell</b></p>		<p><b>\$50 million in new funding to Speaker Carl Heastie’s My Brother’s Keeper Initiative</b>            All students deserve a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. Educators need training on a variety of topics, including how to identify bullying; and school employees’ duties concerning the reporting, investigation, and documenting of alleged incidents of harassment. We support increased investment in restorative justice practices as an effective alternative to punitive responses to wrongdoing. Restorative practices offer a more sustainable, equitable, and respectful alternative to dealing with misbehaviors. They can also be used as a proactive strategy to create a culture of connectivity and care where all members of the school community can thrive.</p>

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<b>Special Education</b>	<p>The Executive Budget proposes to cut of \$70 million from school districts for the coming school year. This would be done through a change in the reimbursement formula to school districts for summer special education programs for school age children.</p>	Proposes no changes	Maintain all funding and services
<b>Other</b>	<p>Cap growth at 2% in expense-based aids, which includes reimbursements for building aid, BOCES and transportation aid.</p> <p>Require the Big 5, as well as districts with at least nine schools who receive at least half their total revenue from the state, to submit school-level funding plans that can be vetoed by the State Education Department and/or Division of Budget . A district whose plan is not approved would not receive its state aid increase.</p>	<p>Makes no such proposal</p> <p><b>Commissioner MaryEllen Elia:</b>  “I think there are some concerns, clearly, on someone from state (Education Department) and or the division of budget, separated from a school and their community, saying you can’t do something on your budget.”</p>	<p>Maintain reimbursement current levels.</p> <p>Stop the overreach of the Executive into local school districts. Maintain the principle of local control with oversight of the New York State Board of Regents.</p>
<b>Adult Education</b>	<p><b>(\$1 Million) cut in funding</b>  The Executive decreases funding for Adult Literacy Education by \$1 million, for a total of \$6.3 million.</p>		<p><b>\$9.9 Million Increase</b>  In New York, there are over 3.5 million individuals who lack their high school diploma, English language proficiency, or both. Adult literacy programs assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, and those who are parents/ guardians to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children. Expanding Adult Literacy Education would allow more New Yorkers to access these opportunities.</p>

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>No revenues that could provide needed additional funding for public education.</b>		<b>Recapture portion of Trump Tax Cuts for Wealthy could raise \$2 to \$3 billion.</b>
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