

## 2016-17 Education Budget Comparison

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

**\*Highlighted section represents the final outcome of the 2016-17 Enacted Budget**

|   | Executive   | Assembly   | Senate   | Enacted Budget   |
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| <b>Total School Aid Increase</b>          | \$961 Million Increase  | <b>\$2.13 Billion Increase</b>   | \$1.65 Billion Increase  | <b>\$1.34 Billion Increase</b>   |
| <b>Foundation Aid</b>                     | \$266 Million   | <b>\$1.1 Billion</b><br>Strengthens Foundation Aid Formula's distribution to High Need Schools.  | <b>\$880 Million</b><br>Weakens Foundation Aid Formula's distribution to High Need Schools.                            | <b>\$627 Million</b><br>The Foundation Aid delivered a higher proportion than usual to high need districts.  |
| <b>Phase in of Foundation Aid Formula</b> | No Phase In   | <b>Equitable 4 Year Phase In</b>   | No Phase In  | <b>No Phase In</b>   |
| <b>Gap Elimination Adjustment</b>         | <b>\$189 Million</b><br>Eliminates the GEA for all high need school districts and reduces by 30% for all other districts this year. Eliminates GEA next year. | <b>\$434 Million</b><br>Complete elimination of the GEA this year. Only 23% of GEA goes to high need school districts.   | <b>\$434 Million</b><br>Complete elimination of the GEA this year. Only 23% of GEA goes to high need school districts. | <b>\$434 Million</b><br>Complete elimination of the GEA this year. Only 23% of GEA went to high need school districts.   |
| <b>Community Schools</b>                  | <b>\$100 Million</b><br>Creates positive new initiative for community schools in high need districts by establishing stable, formula based funding.           | <b>\$200 Million</b><br>Expands on Governor's proposal to invest in community schools in high need districts, including stable, formula based funding. Prioritizes parent engagement & accountability. | <b>\$0</b><br>No investment in community schools.  | <b>\$175 Million</b><br>1) \$100 million which is part of the Foundation Aid.<br>2) \$75 million to be administered by the NYS Commissioner of Education through a grant allocation specifically for struggling and persistently struggling schools. |

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| <b>Pre-K</b>  | <b>\$22 Million</b><br>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. | <b>\$22 Million</b><br>Expands Priority Full Day Pre-K for 4 year olds.  | <b>\$0</b><br>Does not include any new funding for Pre-K for 3 or 4 year olds.            | <b>\$22 Million</b><br>Creates a 7th Pre-K program. Expanding access to 3 year olds in districts that are already serving 4 year olds in some capacity.   |
| <b>Pre-K Quality Initiatives</b>                                      | <b>\$2 Million</b><br>Invests in QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system.  | <b>\$2 Million</b><br>Invests in quality improvements based upon regulations to be determined by Commissioner of Education.                          | <b>\$2 Million</b><br>Invests in QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system. | <b>\$2 Million</b><br>Invests in QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system.   |
| <b>My Brother's Keeper Initiative</b>                                 | No Action Taken.   | <b>\$50 Million</b><br>Strategic investments in programs targeted for boys and young men of color to promote positive outcomes in school and beyond. | No Action Taken.  | <b>\$20 Million</b><br>\$18 Million for My Brother's Keeper targeted to educational opportunities for boys and young men of color.<br>\$2 Million for a NYS Office of Parent & Family Engagement. |
| <b>Positive School Climate/ Restorative Justice in Public Schools</b> | No Action Taken.   | The My Brother's Keeper and community schools proposals promote positive school climate and alternatives to suspensions.                             | No Action Taken.  | <b>Rejected</b>   |
| <b>Positive School Climate/Restorative Justice in Charter School</b>  | 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.  | <b>Rejected</b>   |
| <b>Contracts for Excellence</b>                                       | 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.                             | Keeps Contracts for Excellence for districts in the program unless all schools are in good standing.  |

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| <p><b>Dream Act</b></p>  | <p><b>\$27 Million</b><br/>Enacts the NYS Dream Act to allow undocumented immigrant students to access state aid for higher education.</p>   | <p><b>\$27 Million</b><br/>Enacts the NYS Dream Act to allow undocumented immigrant students to access state aid for higher education.</p>  | <p><b>\$0</b><br/>Rejects the Dream Act.</p>  | <p><b>Rejected</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Education Tax Credit/ Parental Choice in Education Act</b></p> | <p><b>\$150 Million</b><br/>Allows a 75% credit up to \$1 million for donations to private, parochial or public schools.</p>   | <p><b>\$0</b><br/>Rejects the Education Tax Credit.</p>   | <p><b>\$150 Million this year</b><br/>Increasing the total commitment to <b>\$225 million next year and \$300 million in two years.</b><br/>Allows a 90% credit up to \$1 million for donations to private, parochial, charter or public schools.</p>   | <p><b>Rejected</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Charter Schools</b></p>  | <p>1) Increases State Charter school supplemental tuition aid by \$150 to \$500 per pupil, costs \$63 million.<br/>2) Adds \$27.4 million for per pupil state aid to charter schools.<br/>3) Unfreezes basic tuition for NYC Charter schools at cost of \$12.4 million to NYC public schools.<br/>4) Makes NYC facilities aid to charters permanent requiring NYC DOE to pay rent for new or expanding charter schools.<br/>5) Does not include any new accountability or oversight.</p> | <p>1) No increases in NYS or NYC funding for charter schools.<br/>2) No changes in current rules for NYC regarding space for charter schools or charter school rent.<br/>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.<br/>4) Strengthens requirements for audits.</p> | <p>1) Increases State Charter school supplemental tuition aid by \$150 to \$500 per pupil, costs \$63 million.<br/>2) Adds \$54.8 million for per pupil state aid to charter schools.<br/>3) Unfreezes basic tuition for NYC Charter schools at cost of \$12.4 million to NYC public schools.<br/>4) Makes NYC facilities aid to charters permanent requiring NYC DOE to pay rent for new or expanding charter schools.<br/>5) Increase charter rent paid by NYC DOE.<br/>6) Requires NYC to provide more space in the same building to expanding charter schools, regardless of effect on other co-located schools.<br/>7) Decreases accountability by</p> | <p><b>\$54 Million</b><br/>1) Adds \$54.8 million for per pupil state aid to charter schools.<br/>2) Makes NYC facilities aid to charters permanent requiring NYC DOE to pay rent for new or expanding charter schools.</p> |

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|  |                  |                  | allowing charter schools to decide which authorizer oversees them.   |                 |
| <b>Special Treatment for Eva Moskowitz's Success Academy</b> | No Action Taken. | No Action Taken. | <p>1) Exempts NYC charter schools from standard requirements for entering into pre-K contracts.</p> <p>2) Removes limits on number of uncertified teachers for some charter schools, which would allow entire schools to be staff with uncertified teachers.</p> | <b>Rejected</b> |