

New York State 2023-24 Executive Proposal for Public Education & Child Care

Foundation Aid

	Executive Proposal	AQE Priorities	Recommendation to the Senate & Assembly
Total Proposed School Aid Increase	\$3 billion increase	\$3 billion increase	Accept
Phase-in of Foundation Aid Formula	Fully Funds Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid	Fully fund Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid	Accept and celebrate the Governor's proposal
Foundation Aid	<p>\$2.7 billion increase</p> <p>The executive proposal includes a minimum increase of 3% for all school districts.</p>	<p>\$2.7 billion increase</p> <p>Fund the State Education Department (SED) to make formula changes</p>	Add \$1 million to invest in updating the Foundation Aid formula as recommended by SED
Contract for Excellence	Continues the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing.	Continue the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing.	Accept

Other public education

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Community Schools	No separate funding for community schools - maintains the \$250 million set aside within the Foundation Aid formula	Community schools funding must be separate from the Foundation Aid funding, not a set-aside.	Accept and expand community schools funding outside of Foundation Aid
High impact Tutoring	The executive budget includes another \$250 million set aside within the Foundation Aid formula to implement high impact tutoring in English and Math to address learning loss	Investments in tutoring and acceleration to alleviate all the issues that the pandemic highlighted.	Make this investment outside Foundation Aid, as categorical aid and include language that will enhance the relationship between school and its community.
Charter Schools	<p>Charter Cap</p> <p>The executive proposal eliminates the regional charter school cap, which only affects New York City.</p> <p>It also allows for reissuing charters that were surrendered, closed or revoked without counting them toward the charters school cap.</p> <p>Tuition Increases for charter schools per the existing formula</p>	Maintain the charter school regional cap	Reject the Governor's proposal

Pre-K

\$125 million proposed increase, of the prekindergarten program

\$100 million will go toward the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program

\$25 million will be invested through the Statewide Full day pre-K program that is a competitive grant

Increase of \$250 million for full day pre-K and make changes that promote quality and flexibility:

Focus on increasing rates for school districts that were early adopters of Universal Pre-K who continue to have programs that have to fund from local tax revenue. Currently, some school districts continue to receive from the state \$5,400 per child for full day pre-K, an amount that is inadequate to cover the cost of any quality program. In addition, school districts that contract with community based organizations to administer the pre-K program, do not provide an adequate amount for teachers to be paid a thriving wage, condemning the teachers that work for these CBOs to wages that do not cover the basics.

Ensure equitable distribution of pre-K funding to community based organizations and family child care programs to ensure continuity of learning for children that honors families' choice.

Ensure that teachers' experience in all child care programs is considered toward appropriate certification for teaching pre-K.

Ensure that preschool special education is adequately funded.

Legislature should add \$125 million to the Governor's proposal, and increase the rates of early adopters of UPK (*see next column*).

<p>Afterschool programs</p>	<p>The executive budget moves the Empire State After-School Program funding from NYSED to OCFS</p> <p>The executive budget makes a \$5 million cut to the Advantage afterschool program</p> <p>It also does not provide support for technical assistance</p>	<p>Increase afterschool per child rates by investing \$219 million (with Empire and Advantage consolidated)</p> <p>Restore the Advantage program to \$33 million funding, provide \$500,000 for technical support done through the Network for Youth Success</p>	<p>Reject the Governor's proposed \$5 million cut to Advantage afterschool program.</p> <p>Increase the per child rate, and add funding for technical assistance</p>
<p>Creating a Positive School Climate</p>	<p>The executive budget continues \$10M for student mental health support grants and the \$3M for alternatives to school discipline.</p>	<p>Continue the investment in mental health support and in positive alternatives for school discipline.</p>	<p>Accept the Governor's proposal; pass legislation Solutions Not Suspensions (S1040)</p>
<p>Casino Revenue</p>	<p>Modify state law to allow casino revenue to be used for MTA repairs.</p>		<p>Reject the Governor's proposal</p> <p>Maintain state law that requires all money raised from casinos and gaming to support public education</p> <p><i>*Please refer to Invest in Our New York Revenue proposals for alternative ways to fund the MTA.</i></p>

Child care

	Executive Proposal	AQE Priorities	Recommendation to the Senate & Assembly
Total Investment	The executive budget proposes investing \$1.7 billion of existing/roll over or reappropriated federal and state dollars toward child care.	Invest \$5 billion in the child care system to increase compensation of the workforce and expand access to all families.	Add \$3.3 billion to a total investment of \$5 billion.
Support for the early childhood workforce	<p>Workforce stabilization:</p> <p>The proposal includes \$389 million toward a workforce stabilization grant (a third round of grants given to 17,000 as they did the year before)</p> <p>Reimbursements:</p> <p>The executive budget also includes reimbursing providers for 80 absences instead of the existing 24, and caps copays for families at 1% (instead of 10% already in existence)</p>	<p>Workforce stabilization:</p> <p>Create a temporary workforce compensation fund that will give each provider & teacher \$12,500/year</p> <p>Establish a health insurance assistance program</p> <p>Reimbursements:</p> <p>Create a new methodology for reimbursing providers either through the budget or with legislation</p> <p>Increase legally exempt rates (to 80% of family child care & 90% for those eligible for the enhanced rate)</p> <p>Provide a monthly per child supplement for providers offering non traditional hours and start up funds for those who want to offer it</p>	<p>The Governor’s proposal does not address workforce needs. It is essential for the legislature to create a workforce compensation fund to ensure that the field is viable and thriving.</p> <p>Increase investment to the workforce to \$1 billion.</p>
Access for all families	<p>Access for all families:</p> <p>The Governor’s proposed expansion does not include all children.</p> <p>Expanding affordability:</p> <p>The executive budget expands access to child care to working New York families earning 85% of the State Median Income which is approximately 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL).</p>	<p>Access for all families:</p> <p>Extend the child care assistance program to all otherwise eligible children regardless of immigration status</p> <p>Expanding affordability:</p> <p>Eliminate benefits cliffs by allowing families above the threshold to maintain their eligibility / increase eligibility to 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL)</p>	<p>Add coverage for all otherwise eligible children regardless of immigration status</p> <p>Accept the Governor’s proposal for 400%, and also eliminate benefits cliff for families above the threshold.</p>

Barriers for families and providers

Categorical eligibility:

The executive budget includes categorical eligibility that allows parents on public assistance programs to be also eligible for child care assistance.

Making applications easier for families:

The proposal includes streamlining the application for child care assistance but preserves some of the child care subsidy system's maze of rules that create obstacles to access.

Categorical eligibility:

Adopt categorical child care assistance eligibility for families enrolled in other public assistance programs (SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, etc.) and for children with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, in foster care, in families receiving preventive services.

Making applications easier for families:

Establish presumptive eligibility so that families do not have to wait for paperwork to process

Making provider reimbursements easier:

Develop an online application, eligibility determination, recertification, and provider pay processes

Pay providers based on enrollment, not attendance statewide

Implement automatic market rate increases and decouple subsidy payment rates from private pay fees

Accept the Governor's proposal for categorical eligibility

Make applications easier for parents

Implement presumptive eligibility to speed up application and determination process

Decouple hours of care from parents hours working

Automatic rate increases for providers