New York State 2023-24 Enacted Budget for Public Education & Child Care: Side-by-Side Comparison

Foundation Aid

| | Executive Proposal | Senate Proposal | Assembly Proposal | Enacted Budget 2023-24 |
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| Total Proposed School Aid Increase | \$3 billion increase | \$3 billion increase | \$3.4 billion increase | \$3 billion increase |
| Phase-in of Foundation Aid Formula | Fully Funds Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid | Fully Funds Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid | Fully Funds Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid | Fully Funds Foundation Aid year three to bring every school district to 100% of Foundation Aid |
| Foundation Aid | \$2.7 billion increase The executive proposal includes a minimum increase of 3% for all school districts. | \$2.7 billion Provides \$1 million for the study of Foundation Aid. | \$2.7 billion \$1 million for a Foundation Aid and Prekindergarten funding formula study to allow the State Education Department (SED) to recommend updates and changes to both formulas | \$2.62 billion |
| Contract for Excellence | Continues the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing. | Continues the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing. | Continues the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing. | Continues the Contract for Excellenc for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing. |

Other public education

| | Executive Proposal | Senate Proposal | Assembly Proposal | |
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| Community Schools | No separate funding for community schools - maintains the \$250 million set aside within the Foundation Aid formula | Adds \$105 million in community school funding | Adds \$800,000 to support the community schools technical assistance centers | Maintains community school funding at current levels Maintains the community schools technical assistance centers |
| 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 | Rejects the additional set aside for high impact tutoring. | Rejects the additional set aside for high impact tutoring. | No implementation of high impact tutoring |
| Charter Schools | Charter Cap | Charter Cap | Charter Cap | Maintains the New York City charter cap |
| | The executive proposal eliminates the | Rejects the Governor's proposals to | Rejects the Governor's proposals to | |
| | regional charter school cap, which only | remove the regional charter school cap | remove the regional charter school cap | Re-issues 22 zombie charters, 14 in |
| | affects New York City. | and the proposal to authorize the | and the proposal to authorize the | NYC and 8 outside. |
| | It also allows for releasing shorters that | re-issuance of surrendered, revoked, or terminated charters | re-issuance of surrendered, revoked, or terminated charters | The enacted budget allocates funding facilities aid for these new charters. |
| | It also allows for reissuing charters that were surrendered, closed or revoked | | | lacinities and for these new charters. |
| | without counting them toward the | | | Reissued charters will only open in |
| | charters school cap. | | | community education districts in NYC |
| | | | | where charter enrollment is at 55% or |
| | Tuition Increases for charter schools per the existing formula | | | less. |
| | | | | Provides \$100 million for facilities aid for charter schools. |

| Pre-K | \$125 million proposed increase, of the prekindergarten program\$100 million will go toward the Universal | Provides an additional \$125 million to increase rates for Universal Pre-Kindergarten. | Adds \$75 million for Statewide Universal Full Day Pre- kindergarten programs for a total of \$200 million in new funding for Prekindergarten | Includes \$150 million to continue to expand the universal prekindergarten program. |
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| | Pre-Kindergarten program | Adds \$500,000 for a Universal | programs in the 2023-24 school year. | |
| | | Pre-Kindergarten Aid Study to be | | |
| | \$25 million will be invested through the Statewide Full day pre-K program that is a competitive grant | conducted by NYS Education Department | Provides \$1 million for a Foundation Aid and Prekindergarten funding formula study to allow the State Education | |
| | | Changes the prospective universal prekindergarten enrollment reporting proposal to require school districts that | Department (SED) to recommend updates and changes to both formulas]. | |
| | | are eligible for universal prekindergarten aid, but that have not yet utilized such | Modifies the language to allow existing programs to add funding, effectively | |
| | | aid to provide information on the barriers in utilizing funding and requiring a three-year implementation plan. | | |
| | | Changes universal prekindergarten per pupil aid to increase aid for early adopters of universal prekindergarten programs. | | |
| | | Allows building aid eligibility to school districts for universal prekindergarten classrooms and require SED to release universal prekindergarten building aid guidance to all school | | |

| Afterschool programs | The executive budget moves the Empire State After-School Program funding from NYSED to OCFS The executive budget makes a \$5 million cut to the Advantage afterschool program | The Senate adds \$9.4 million in additional support for the Advantage Afterschool program | The Assembly restores \$5 million for the Advantage Afterschool program | The enacted budget restored the \$5 million to the Advantage Afterschool Program. It also moves the Empire State After-School program to the Office of Children and Families from the NYS Education Department. |
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| | It also does not provide support for technical assistance | | | |
| Creating a Positive School Climate | The executive budget continues \$10M for student mental health support grants and the \$3M for alternatives to school discipline. | | | |
| Casino Revenue | Modify state law to allow casino revenue to be used for MTA repairs. | Rejects the Governor's proposal: Maintains state law that requires all money raised from casinos and gaming to support public education *Please refer to Invest in Our New York Revenue proposals for alternative ways to fund the MTA. | The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to direct any state portion of fees and recurring revenue received from the three remaining casino licenses in the downstate region to the MTA instead of the Commercial Gaming Fund for educational purposes. | The enacted budget provides 50% of revenue from new casinos to the MTA and 50% continues to go to education |
| Adult Literacy Education | | Restores \$1.5 million for Adult Literacy Education. | Restores \$1.5 million for Adult Literacy Education. | |
| School Governance | | \$965,000 for a New York City School Governance Study | | |

Child care

| | Executive Proposal | Senate Proposal | Assembly Proposal | |
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| Total Investment | The executive budget proposes investing \$1.7 billion of existing/roll over or reappropriated federal and state dollars toward child care. | The Senate expands the executive budget proposal adding another \$1.5 billion to the executive proposal. | The Assembly proposal accepts the executive budget proposal with some changes: | The enacted budget maintains the investment of \$1.744 billion of existing or rollover federal and state funding in the child care system. |
| Support for the early childhood workforce | Workforce stabilization: | Workforce stabilization: | Workforce stabilization: | Investment in the workforce: |
| | The proposal includes \$389 million toward a workforce stabilization grant (a third round of grants given to 17,000 as | The Senate proposal adds another \$500 million to the \$389 million proposed in the executive budget, for a total of \$889 | The Assembly does NOT include language to provide additional financial assistance to childcare workers. | The budget adds \$500 million toward a worker compensation fund (110 million more than the executive proposal). |
| | they did the year before) | million in workforce retention grant. | | The enacted budget also includes |
| | Reimbursements: | This grant would provide the workforce | | reimbursing providers for 80 absences instead of the existing 24, and caps |
| | 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) | with \$12,000 per worker or would be proportional to the number of subsidized children served in the program. | | copays for families at 1% (lowering it from 10% already in existence) |
| Access for all | Access for all families: | Access for all families: | Access for all families: | Access for all families: |
| families | The Governor's proposed expansion | The proposal includes language that | The proposal does not include all | The enacted budget expands access to |
| | does not include all children. | would potentially allow coverage of | immigrant children. | child care to working New York families |
| | Expanding affordability: | children otherwise ineligible for assistance to be covered under the | Expanding affordability: | earning 85% of the State Median Income, which means \$99,250 for a |
| | The executive budget expands access to | facilitated enrollment program. | The Assembly accepts the Executive | family of 4 in the latter part of 2023. |
| | child care to working New York families earning 85% of the State Median Income | Expanding affordability: | proposal to establish a two-year, \$25 million refundable tax credit program for | |
| | which is approximately 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL). | The senate budget proposal add \$623 million to expand access to child care to | certain businesses that create or expand child care slots for the children of their | The Facilitated Enrollment pilot program will be extended to serve some |

| | | working New York families earning 103 % of the State Median Income (or 400% of the Federal Poverty Level) in 2023 and to 129% of the SMI (or approximately 500% of FPL) in 2024. | employees. The program would be available for eligible businesses statewide, and would be administered by the Office of Children and Family Services. | children currently excluded due solely to their immigration status. This program will also include episodic/seasonal workers. |
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| 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: The Senate accepts the executive proposal for categorical eligibility, reimbursing for 80 absences and caps copays at 1%. Making applications easier for families: The Senate proposal adds language for presumptive eligibility (language that allows families to receive assistance while they are getting their eligibility certified) for families. | Categorical eligibility: The Assembly accepts the executive proposal for categorical eligibility, reimbursing for 80 absences and caps copays at 1%. | Removing some barriers in accessing child care assistance: The enacted 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 budget includes some 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. |