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# Regents State Aid Proposal: State Aid to Schools

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- f Amend the Education Law to eliminate the School Aid Growth Cap. It is anticipated that the impact of the Pandemic Adjustment will activate the growth cap and create automatic reductions of \$430 million in state aid;
- f Fully fund reimbursement to school districts for expenses-based aids, such as Building Aid and Transportation Aid;
- f Incentivize efficiencies through indexing the Reorganization Incentive Aid formula to inflation;
- f Provide the Department with an additional \$1 million in state operations funds to increase capacity to provide school districts with technical support on financial and management matters; and
- f Maintain that, if additional Federal funds are not made available to New York State and further reductions to state aid are necessary, that any permanent reductions be made on a progressive, wealth-adjusted basis and that school districts and charters schools be treated in an equitable manner.

# State Aid Comparison Chart Regents vs. Executive Budget Proposal

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Budget
Foundation Aid	\$0	\$0
Expense-Based Aids Current Law Change	\$300 million	\$300 million
Services Aid Consolidation	\$0	-\$693 million
Other Adjustments	\$0	\$5 million
Pandemic Adjustment Repeal*	\$1,134 million	N/A
Growth Cap Repeal	\$430 million	N/A
Subtotal	\$1,990 million	-\$388 million
STAR Reduction	\$0	-\$1,352 million
Total	\$1,990 million	-\$1,740 million

\* Regents proposal would prepay \$453 million of the pandemic adjustment restoration in the 2020-21 school year.



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# Regents 2022-23 Budget Priorities

Priority	Request
Supporting Digital Literacy Model Pilot Programming for New York State Students and Families	\$8 million
Creating Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Resources	\$250,000
Tuition Rate Setting Redesign and Funding Parity	\$1.25million
ESSA: Support Newly Identified (CSI & TSI) Schools	\$3.5 million
Ensuring the Appropriate Provision of ELL Services	\$1 million
Establishing a Bridge to College and Career Pilot Program	\$3 million
Increasing State Aid for Library Construction	\$20 million
Expanding Access to Education Programs through Cultural Institutions	\$500,000
Build Oversight & Capacity at SED	5% set aside within all newly created programs
Webcasting and Transcribing Regular Board of Regents Public Meetings	\$220,000
Enhance Communication with Multilingual Parents, Students, and Professionals	\$1.5 million



# Promoting Digital Equity for New York State Students and Families

## 2021-22 \$8M Budget Request

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### Support Digital Literacy Model Pilot Programming for New York State Students and Families

As part of comprehensive efforts to promote digital equity in New York, the Department proposes that an initial investment of \$8 million be made available for grants to organizations to provide support parents and guardians of New York State students related to remote learning, including but not limited to technical assistance and digital fluency skills acquisition to narrow the digital divide in New York.



- f* These grants would fund a controlled pilot program targeted to high-needs areas across the state as identified by the results of the most recent digital equity survey and would support efforts of organizations with both the capacity to engage in this work, and a knowledge of and ties to the communities or regions they serve.
- f* Resources created through these funds would be available for the entire state to utilize, replicate, and modify, in order to build capacity to meet local and regional needs.





# Redesign Tuition Rate Setting and Funding Parity

2021-22 \$1.25M Budget Request

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Address Financial Stability for Approved Schools and Preschool Programs Serving Students with Disabilities

The Department establishes annual tuition rates for over 1,000 approved special education



# ESSA: Support Newly Identified TSI & CSI Schools

2021-22 \$3.5M Budget Request

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Help Schools & Districts Identify School-Specific Solutions Based on their Current Needs

ESSA identified a number of new federal requirements for how states work with struggling schools. Identified schools must undergo a Needs Assessment and use the results to inform their improvement plans and include an evidence-based intervention



# Bridge to College and Careers Pilot Program

## 2021-22 \$3M Budget Request

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Enable Out-of-School Youth and Adults to Prepare for Postsecondary Study and Career



Funding would create a Bridge to College and Career Pilot Program consisting of partnerships between adult education programs and college or training providers in each of the seven Regional Adult Education Network regions of the state. This pilot program would enable out-of-school youth and adults to obtain critical basic skills and high school equivalency diplomas which would lead to programs resulting in industry-recognized credentials for employment or a college degree.

These programs would include:

- f* career exploration and career assessment;
- f* relationships with employers and colleges; and
- f* apprenticeships and internships.



# Expanding Access to Education Programs Through Cultural Institutions

## 2021-22 \$500,000 Budget Request

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# Build Technical Assistance and Support Capacity at S 5% Set Aside

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## Resources to Provide Proper Oversight & Support of New Programs

The state should enact a 5% ~~set~~ aside within all new programs for administrative oversight and technical assistance at the Department.

- f* Following the end of federal grants to the Department, and years of agency funding constraints, the Department has lost significant capacity to provide







# Enhance Communication with Multilingual Parents, Students Professionals

## 2021-22 \$1.5M Budget Request

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### Support the Translation of Documents into Languages Other Than English

Due to resource constraints, the Department is not currently able to translate certain documents into languages other than English, which can limit the awareness of parents and students who do not speak English as their primary language to available educational programs and services.

*f* Funding to translate informational and guidance documents into multiple languages would support the Department's culturally responsive ~~and~~ sustaining framework and improve services to ELLs and their families by providing information to families in the language they best understand.



# Regents 2021 State Legislative Priorities

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**Mandate Relief and Flexibility** Legislation would enact a series of mandate relief measures to promote cost savings and provide relief from reporting requirements including to:

- o Enhance school district reserve fund flexibility by extending the current pay-period and lowering the percentage that needs to be paid back each year. The repayment period and levels would take consideration a district's ability to raise local revenue;
- o Increase flexibility for small districts to meet unanticipated expenses by allowing targeted exceptions to the 4% fund balance limit;
- o Allow districts to be reimbursed for costs incurred in maintaining the infrastructure necessary to have transportation services available to support person education, and to allow school districts to be reimbursed for costs incurred in using school buses to deliver school mea(d)-2 (e]TJ EMC /ri(r)-1

# Regents 2021 State Legislative Priorities

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