



## EQUITY

*Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.*

- Expanding Universal Prekindergarten Services with an additional \$25 million at a higher per pupil rate targeting locations with unmet needs, economically disadvantaged students, and English language learners
- \$1.2 million to sustain Teach.org services for New York State
- Expand professional development services for English language learners by an annual \$1 million to maintain and expand services for a total of \$19.5 million this coming school year
- Funding for a study to identify gaps in arts education at \$300,000

## LEARNING IS AT THE CORE OF THE P-20 CONTINUUM

*Fostering lifelong learning, academic success, and improved outcomes.*



### Cultural Education Revenue Stabilization

Create either a reliable base State general fund appropriation of \$12 million or a \$10 fee increase. Most of the operational funding for the State Museum, a substantial portion of funding for the entire Office, is based on a fee that has not changed in over 20 years, despite an approximately 40 percent increase in inflation.



### NYS Summer School for the Arts & Scholarships

\$2 million total (increase of \$800,000) to provide residential programming and scholarships during the summers of 2024 and 2025.



### Additional Cultural Education

- Preservation of Archival Audio-Visual Recordings with a new \$1.5 million
- Library Construction Aid increase of \$6 million for a total of \$50 million
- Capital needs for accessibility renovations and funding for equipment to preserve our historical and cultural assets

# 2025-26 REGENTS BUDGET REQUEST

*To raise the knowledge, skill, and opportunity of all people in New York State.*

## \$2.0 BILLION

### Budget and Legislative Priorities (\$ in millions)

Agency-Wide Priorities	\$236.4
Prek through High School	\$34.6
Higher Education	\$20.2
Other Items	\$23.3

### School Aid Increase (\$ in millions)

Foundation Aid Increase	\$1,668.3
Formula Enhancements	\$172.9
Reimbursement-based Aids	\$205.7
<b>State Aid</b>	<b>\$2.0 billion</b>

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## COLLEGE, CAREER, AND BEYOND

*Advancing equity, excellence, and access.*

- Juvenile Justice: \$1.5 million for planning funds and initial staff support for hybrid high school to improve educational outcomes for young people in detention centers
- College in the High School opportunities at \$14 million
- State aid enhancements to expand access to career and technical education classes through BOCES and district-operated programs
- Increases for access and opportunity programs in higher education for \$16.9 million—including HEOP, STEP, CSTEP, and Liberty Partnerships
- Enhance supports and services for students with disabilities in postsecondary settings with an additional \$2 million for a total of \$6 million



## 2025-26 REGENTS BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*Rebuilding department capacity to deliver improved support to districts, teachers, students, and the public.*



### Agency-Wide Priorities

- Funding for the agency to implement blue ribbon recommendations (\$2 million)
- Capital Needs for State-owned Buildings including the State Education Building
- Supporting the next phase of the Department's IT transformation and the Statewide Data System



### Office of the Professions

- Allow the Department to use an additional \$1.6 million of the revenue it receives to implement modernization efforts



### Adult Career Continuing Education Services

- Improve oversight of proprietary schools (no additional cost) by allowing access to related excess funds
- Allow more flexible partnerships with higher education entities serving ACCES clients with disabilities (no additional cost) through new appropriation language

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## REGENTS SCHOOL AID PROPOSAL

*Modernizing and streamlining school aid formulas to ensure equity and access to a world-class education.*



### Foundation Aid: \$1.7 billion increase

- Four meaningful updates to the formula
  - 1 Replace the 2000 Census poverty rate with updated Census poverty estimates
  - 2 Update the 2006 Regional Cost Index to 2024 values with a boundary realignment for Westchester County
  - 3 Replace free/reduced price meal counts with economically disadvantaged counts
  - 4 Eliminate the artificial floor on the income wealth index
- Foundation Aid for students with disabilities between 21 and 22 years of age
- Review Rockefeller study for other enhancements



### Other State Aid

- Other State Aid for students with disabilities between 21 and 22 years of age (\$44.9 million outside of Foundation Aid)
- Enhance payable BOCES Aid by raising the salary cap (\$53.8 million)
- Include 9th grade students in Special Services Aids to encourage CTE participation (\$49.2 million)
- UPK Expansion grant (\$25 million)
- Growth aid for districts with sudden increases in enrollment (estimate available with updated enrollment)
- Reimbursement based aids at current law levels (\$205.7 million)