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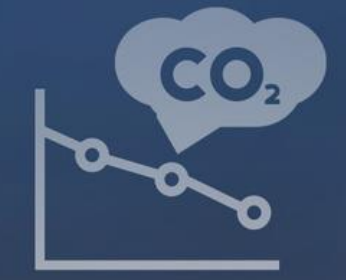
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# BUDGET & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION

Discussion of Board Priorities  
October 2024



**BUDGET**





- \* 2024-2025 Enacted Budget: +1.4 billion in school aid
- \* Financial Plan:
  - Estimates +1.1 billion in school aid
  - No revision in first quarterly update
- \* Mid-year update likely this month

## Current State Budget Environment

SCHOOL AID - SCHOOL YEAR BASIS (JULY 1 - JUNE 30) <sup>1</sup>									
(millions of dollars)									
	<u>SY 2024</u>	<u>SY 2025</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>SY 2026</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>SY 2027</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>SY 2028</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,484</b>	<b>35,889</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>36,954</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>37,859</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>38,710</b>	<b>851</b>
			4.1%		3.0%		2.4%		2.2%

<sup>1</sup> SY 2024 does not reflect a significant amount of Federal ARP Act funding that was distributed to school districts over multiple school years, including prekindergarten expansion grants initially supported by this funding that appear on the School Aid run. These prekindergarten expansion grants will be State-funded beginning in SY 2025 and are included in the table for SY 2025 and thereafter.



# 2024 Budget Priorities Funded by the Governor and Legislature

IT Infrastructure Needs

Statewide Longitudinal Data System

Federal Stimulus Administration Funds



Update Learning Standards

Charter School Office

Improving Assessments for ELLs

Streamline Early Learning

Extend Rate Setting Methodology Study



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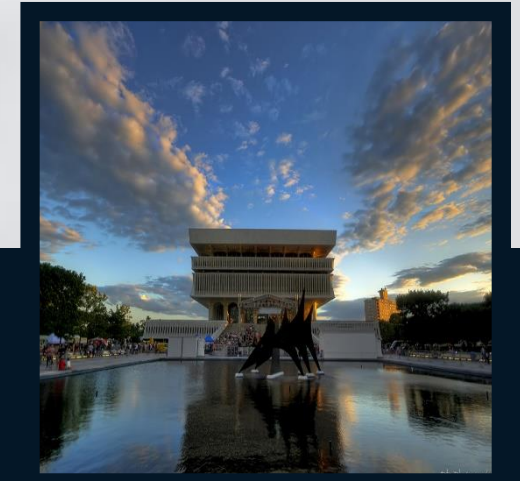
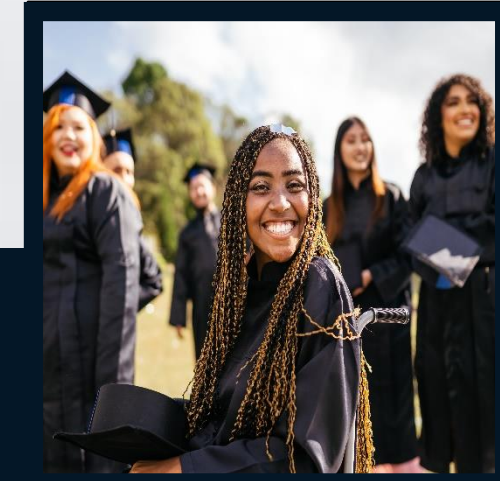
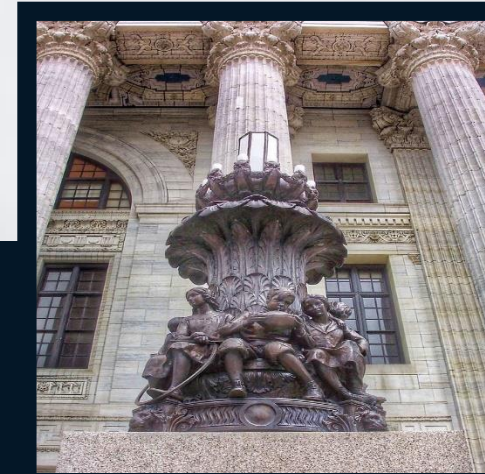
**Public Library Construction**

**Vocational Rehabilitation**

**Adult Education Program**



# Budget Priorities – Not Addressed



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Cultural Education Revenue Stabilization

Early College Access

Capital Needs

Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) to Students with Disabilities until Age 22

Agency Capacity

Juvenile Justice Hybrid Programming

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## Potential Budget and Legislative Initiatives

- Prekindergarten study underway is working to identify the next step in the Regents long term goal of ensuring truly universal Prekindergarten
- Funding to implement the changes recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures
- Programs and policies that support and increase diversity within the educator pipeline
- Funding increase for higher education opportunity programs
- Additional support for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities
- Capital support for public libraries around the state
- Other policy and programmatic priorities

## Essential Elements of State Operating Funding

- Treat similar districts similarly
- Comprehensible research-supported rationales for each element
- Adequate funding for articulated specific goals
- Multi-year stability and predictability
- Maximum local spending flexibility
- Manageable reporting and implementation path
- Recognizes and adjusts to changing needs, including state requirements

# Foundation Aid

To recognize and adjust to changing needs, outdated formula elements should be updated, for example:

- 2000 Census child poverty data
- 2003 District Need/Resource Categories
- FRPL data collection since the expansion of Community Eligibility Program

## Articulated Goal

More funding to schools serving more students that need additional support to be successful

Multi-year approach would provide more stability and predictability  
Alternative measures from existing data collections

Research needed on weights and differentiation of need

# School Aid | Targeted Funding



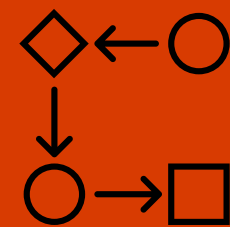
## Ongoing Needs

- CTE Funding
- Funding for instructional materials aids
- Growth aid for districts with significant enrollment growth



## Research Supports

- Research supports CTE engages and prepares students.
- Greater demand for CTE that currently available



## Flexibility

- Allow local flexibility to determine the best approach for each district



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