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First, a plug: MEMBER SURVEY!

Overview

- ASBO State Aid Proposal
- 2023-24 Executive Budget
 - Foundation Aid, including High Impact Tutoring Setaside
 - Expense-based Aids
 - Universal Prekindergarten Expansion
 - Zero Emission Bus Reporting
 - Other Initiatives and Policies
- What's Missing

ASBO New York State Aid Proposal

ASBO State Aid Proposal

- \$2.7 billion + final phased-in of Foundation Aid; minimum increase tied to inflation
- Fully funding expense-based aids
- Remove BOCES CTE reimbursement limitation and endorse Regents new aid tier proposal
- Establishing a fully funded zero-emission transportation pilots in school districts to develop best practices and state policy revisions
- Providing universal free school meals to all students

ASBO State Aid Proposal

- Modernizing the distribution of prekindergarten funding
- Adopting a package of civil service reforms to increase efficiency and address staffing shortages
- Paying all outstanding funds due to school districts through Prior Year Adjustments
- Allowing the duplicative state funding transparency reporting requirement to sunset
- Aligning the property tax cap to the reality of inflation and growing needs of school districts
- Allowing districts to retain fund balances consistent with industry and accounting standards

2023-24 Executive Budget

General Support for Public Schools (School Aid)

Overall School Aid Increase

(\$ billions)

| Category | 2022-23 SY | 2023-24 SY | Change | % |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Total School Aid | \$31.177 | \$34.245 | \$3.068 | 9.8% |
| Foundation Aid* | \$21.334 | \$24.069 | \$2.735 | 12.8% |
| Building Aid | \$3.344 | \$3.277 | (\$0.067) | (2.0%) |
| Transportation Aid | \$2.298 | \$2.475 | \$0.177 | 7.7% |
| BOCES Aid | \$1.135 | \$1.176 | \$0.041 | 3.6% |
| Universal Prekindergarten | \$1.003 | \$1.164 | \$0.161 | 16.1% |
| Other Formulas | \$1.757 | \$1.777 | \$0.020 | 1.1% |
| Categorical Programs | \$0.306 | \$0.307 | \$0.001 | 0.5% |

*Includes \$250M each for Community Schools Setaside and High Impact Tutoring Setaside

Foundation Aid

- Final, complete phase-in: \$2.7 billion
 - Minimum 3% increase
 - All Districts now at least at 100%
- \$250M “High Impact Tutoring” Setaside
- Community Schools Setaside continued
- No underlying formula changes or direction for future formula

High Impact Tutoring Setaside

- Similar to Community Schools Setaside; calculated portion of increase, with strings attached
- Districts must designate students in grades 3-8 as “at risk” of falling below state standards in math and English
- Designated students are to receive at least 30 minutes of tutoring twice a week utilizing funds.
- Confirmed with Executive: districts will determine who is at risk and when they are no longer at risk

High Impact Tutoring Setaside

- The Government Relations Committee has discussed:
 - Our opposition to setasides that take away funds that are meant to be flexible operating funds that districts have already planned use
 - The question of how the supplement-not-supplant language will relate to similar tutoring services provided through expiring ESSER funds (this has been shared with DOB)

Expense-based Aids

- No reduction or cost sharing changes proposed to any formulas
- Projections are all based on November Database from SED and districts on their SAMS forms
- Includes perennial proposal to “freeze” to the November Database
- February 15th Database will provide basis for Enacted Budget in April

Universal Prekindergarten

- Total increase of \$161M
 - Adds an additional \$125M (\$100M in formula, \$25M in competitive grants)
 - Remainder from unused funds in base year
- New Reporting Requirement: Annual report due Sep 1 outlining various prekindergarten pupil counts; data will shine light on where unmet needs still exist

Zero Emission Bus Mandate Reporting

- New Reporting Requirement - Required annually on Aug 1:
 - Sufficiency of the electrical grid to meet needs;
 - Availability and installation of charging stations and other components;
 - Progress in workforce training;
 - Number and proportion of zero-emission buses currently purchased, leased or utilized;
 - Number of zero-emission buses anticipated in the next two years;
 - Number and proportion of zero-emission buses utilized by contractors providing transportation services; and
 - Number and proportion of zero-emission buses anticipated to be utilized by contractors in the next two years.

Other Initiatives and Policies

State School Funding Transparency Form

- Was set to expire this year
- Proposal would extend for another 5 years
- Spoke with DOB yesterday about this topic

High School-College-Workforce Transformation Grants

- \$10 million grants over two years to implement strategic workforce plans to promote job readiness in local communities
 - Local collaboratives of district or districts with BOCES; or community colleges alone or with a local industry
 - Funds will be used to building successful high school, community college, and industry relationships
 - Funds can tailor high school and community college programming to regional businesses or future employment needs

Charter Schools

- Regional Cap would be eliminated
- Reissuance of surrendered, revoked, or terminated charters would be allowed (“zombie charters”)

Early College High School and P-TECH

- Additional \$20M in grants to expand program
- Comes on top of \$30 million for remaining funds in existing programs

Personnel & Civil Service Reforms

- Retiree Income Waiver proposed for an additional extension to June 30, 2024
- Flexibility in using reserve funds for certain ERS costs
- Minimum wage indexed to inflation
- Would expand continuous recruitment process
- Would create new Centers for Careers in Government

Remote Instruction

- Would allow remote instruction to be used in the calculation of Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Membership (could have school aid impacts depending on scope of remote instruction)

School Meals

- Would allow greater flexibility in providing farm-to-school meals by eliminating restrictions to purchases of associations of ten producers or more, as well as direct purchases from licensed milk producers

Special Education Rate-setting

- Would provides \$2.5M for NYSED to conduct an alternative rate-setting methodology for 853 schools, special acts, and preschool special education programs

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- Changes or clarifications to zero-emission bus mandate
- Funding for Prior Year Adjustments
- Funding for Universal Meals

Thank You! Questions?