

# 2026-2027 Regents Budget and Legislative Priorities

Board of Regents Meeting  
October 2025



# Recapping Last Year's Successes

# **2025-26 Budget Priorities Received: State Aid**

## **Career and Technical Education Enhancements**

- Special Services Aid: 9th Graders now generate aid. Per pupil amount increased by \$200. This drove an estimated \$59.3 million
- BOCES Aid: Increased the cap on aidable salary costs for BOCES annually for the next 3 years

## **Foundation Aid**

- Updated FRPL and 2000 Census Poverty
- Increased funding to districts serving ELLs and the regional cost index for Westchester County
- Moved a higher percentage of costs to state for the neediest districts

# **2025-26 Budget Priorities Received: Other Support for Students**

Universal school  
meals (+\$196 million)

P-Tech, Early College  
High School, and  
College in High  
School (+\$23.1  
million)

Prekindergarten grant  
consolidation and  
elimination of  
supplantation  
language

Additional funding for  
4410 providers (+\$57  
million)

Additional funding for  
4408 programs (+\$9  
million)

Increase in higher  
education opportunity  
programs (+\$1.8  
million)

# 2025-26 Budget Priorities Received: Department Needs



NYSESLAT and  
Translation (\$4 million)



Funding for all state  
appointed monitors  
(\$925,000)



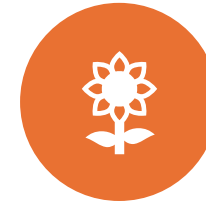
Two staff for OCUE's  
teacher program review  
(\$234,000)



Capital funding  
Education building (+\$20  
million of \$34.1 million  
request). Funding for  
projects at state owned  
school buildings.



Increased spending  
authority for Professions  
(\$1.6 million)



Increased appropriation  
authority for 5 Federally  
funded programs  
(Vocational  
Rehabilitation, Case  
Services, IDEA,  
McKinney Vento, and  
Child Nutrition)

# Board of Regents Priorities - Expanding Opportunities and Innovation

NY Inspires/Grad Measures

Mental Health/Interagency Collaborations

Early Learning Expansion

Post Secondary Access

NYS Museum

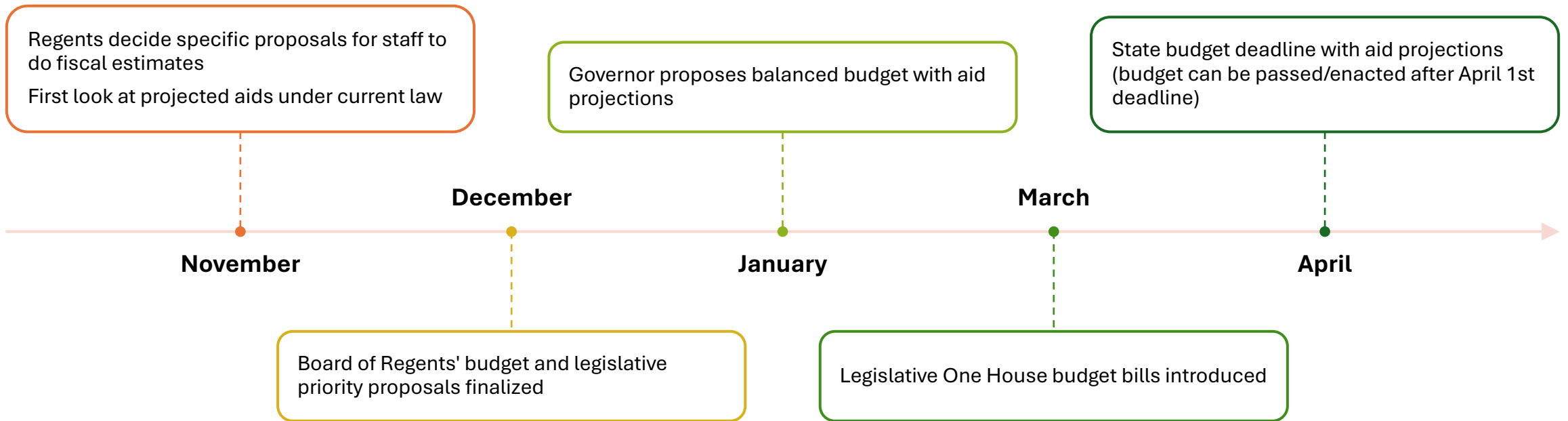
Public Libraries

Shared Services

Support for Students with Disabilities

Juvenile Justice High School

# Upcoming Steps





# Adding Supports for Key Instructional Areas



# Academic Preparation: Students with Disabilities to Age 22

## History

In 2021, the second circuit held that Connecticut must provide FAPE a free appropriate public education until student with disabilities receive a diploma or turn 22. This applies in NYS, too

In 2025, after legal challenges, the New York appellate division of the third judicial district supported the interpretation that these services must be provided.

## Funding

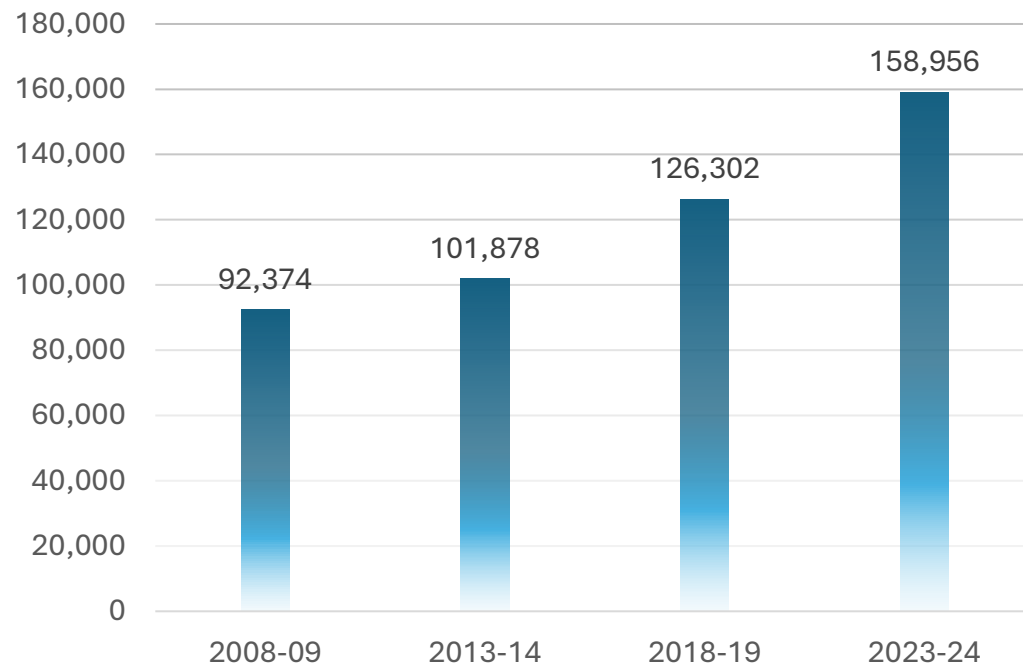
State law only provides aid until the school year in which a student turns 21.

Last year, the Regents proposal would allow aid up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday for these students. This would have added an estimated \$65.4 million in aid

New York State had approximately 2,000 students in this group in the 2023-24 school year. The majority of these were served in high needs school districts.

# Prekindergarten Services

STUDENTS SERVED



Does not include 4410 Preschool Special Education



Large growth in allocations and grants between 2021-2022 and 2023-2024



Consolidation of certain grants in 2024-2025 and additional flexibility



Opportunities for growth in the upcoming school year

# Critical Thinking and Academic Preparation: Access to Expanded Coursework

Career and Technical Education	Starting with state investments last year in BOCES and Special Services Aids
Advanced Coursework	Inclusive of Funds for P-Tech, Early College High School, College in High School, AP/IB
Arts Education	Current graduate requirements include one course; two thirds of secondary students take an art course annually
Other areas in portrait of a graduate	Develop and release additional guidance to support local implementation, require instruction in financial literacy and climate education, and release details on new credit requirements in the first year of the installation phase.

# Percentage of ELL Students by School District



In the 2024-2025 enacted budget, the weight for ELLs was increased from 0.50 to 0.53

This generated an additional \$53 million in Foundation Aid

In November of 2025, we'll have our first estimates for 2026-2027

## Foundation Aid – English Language Learners

# Critical Thinking in Key Coursework

- Financial Literacy: \$400,000 in the 2024-2025 budget
- Holocaust and Genocide Education: \$500,000 in the 2024-2025 budget
- AI Related Programs
- Media Literacy: \$1 million in the 2025-2026 budget to DHSES
- Indigenous Culture and History:
  - \$500,000 in the 2025-2026 budget for education materials and resources
- Climate Education:
  - The Board requested \$536,500 to develop resources. This was not included in the budget

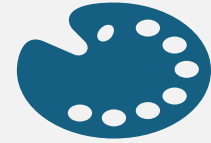
# Life Long Learning and Enriching Education



CULTURAL EDUCATION  
FUND



LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION  
AID ENHANCEMENTS



SUMMER SCHOOL FOR  
THE ARTS

# Office of Professions

- Maintain support for critical programs- keep the funds from professionals' licensing fees with the Department





# Thank You