



2025-26 NYSSBA Final State Budget Priorities

Education Funding and Budgeting

- Support Executive and Legislative proposals to fully fund Foundation Aid
- Support Executive and Legislative proposals to provide a guaranteed minimum Foundation Aid increase for all school districts
- Support Executive and Legislative proposals to update outdated data used in the Foundation Aid formula
- Support Executive and Legislative proposals to fund a full universal school meals program
- Reject Executive proposal to freeze the school aid database and cap aid payments
- Reject Executive and Senate proposal to permanently shift certain CSE special education costs from the state to school districts
- Support Legislative proposals to increase career and technical education funding through increases to the BOCES aidable salary cap and special services aid
- Support Legislative proposals to restore Prior Year Aid funding
- Support Legislative proposals to increase funding for pre-k full-day and half-day programs
- Support Senate proposal to provide state aid for school district electrification planning
- Support Senate proposal to expand Medicaid-reimbursement eligibility for school-based health services
- Support Senate proposal to increase investments in preschool special education programs and special act school districts

Additional Items

- Support Legislative proposals to increase flexibility in governing the student use of smart devices in schools
- Support Senate proposal to temporarily waive the public retiree earnings cap
- Support Senate proposals to grant SED Commissioner greater authority in issuing zero-emission bus transition extensions and require independent ZEB battery range estimates
- Support Senate proposal to require school representation on all Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs)