



NYSSBA 2019-20 Assembly One House Analysis

State Aid

The Assembly proposes an increase in total school aid of approximately \$1.6 billion, or 6.3%, over 2018-19 aid levels.

Foundation Aid

The Assembly proposes a \$1.16 billion increase in Foundation Aid - an amount \$823 million more than the Executive. The additional aid would be distributed using a one-time formula with multiple tiers. According to the proposal, this would guarantee all districts at least 53% of their Foundation Aid formula amount. The proposal would also establish the use of “direct certification” data, as a more accurate student need measurement. The Assembly proposes to fully phase-in Foundation Aid by 2022-23.

School Aid Redistribution Plan

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to mandate school districts to redistribute school aid among their buildings.

Community Schools Set-Aside

The Assembly amends the Executive’s proposal by capping, both annually and in total, the amount of Foundation Aid that can be restricted for community schools. In addition, the proposal restores flexibility of the use of funds and adds trauma-informed supports to the list of allowable expenses.

Consolidation of Reimbursement Aid Categories (ie Services Aid)

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to consolidate 11 separate aid categories into a new block-grant aid known as “Services Aid”.

Building Aid Adjustment

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to adjust and lower building aid reimbursement ratios and limit the allowable costs for school construction projects.

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to make changes to APPR as a part of the budget; however, identical language was approved as a stand-alone bill by both houses. This legislation awaits delivery to the Governor.

Student Mental Health Services

The Assembly adds \$2.5 million to the Executive's proposed allocation of \$1.5 million to support enhanced mental health and school climate support services, bringing the total proposal to \$4 million, \$1 million of which would be for technical support centers. Funds would be specifically targeted to middle and junior high school

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (“Red flag”)

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal because virtually identical legislation was signed into law earlier this year.

Property Tax Cap

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to make the property tax cap permanent and makes no other adjustments to the law.

Charter Schools

The Assembly proposal would make state reimbursement for charter school supplemental basic tuition a current year reimbursement in school districts outside NYC. The Assembly also rejects the Executive proposal for an increase of \$25 million in direct state support for the charter school industry.

Non-Public Schools

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposal to provide non-public schools access to \$25 million in funding for safety and security projects. Similar to the Executive's proposal, the funding would also be available to certain community centers and day care facilities.

Prekindergarten

The Assembly amends the Executive's proposal by making permanent the section of law that grants the state education department the authority to administer universal prekindergarten. In addition, the Assembly adds \$15 million to the Executive's proposal of \$15 million for new funding for prekindergarten expansion, bringing the total proposal to \$30 million for three and four year olds in half and full day programs. The Assembly proposal would also make prekindergarten transportation aidable.

Healthy Relationship Instruction

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposed changes to increase mandated health education to include instruction in healthy relationships and comprehensive sexual education.

Recovery High Schools

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of \$1 million in competitive grants for the implementation of recovery high schools.

After-School Programs

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of an additional \$10 million in competitive grants for after school programs.

Advanced Courses

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocations of \$1.8 million to subsidize the cost of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams for students eligible for free or reduced price lunch and \$1 million to support advanced course access grants for districts with very limited or no advanced course offerings.

Early College High Schools

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of an additional \$9 million in competitive grants for early college high school programs, but proposes they be limited to programs that lead to a career in computer science.

Regional STEM Magnet High Schools

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to authorize BOCES to establish STEM magnet high schools.

Immigrant Student Support

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of \$1.5 million in grants to support school districts with increased refugee and immigrant populations.

Early Voting Implementation

The Assembly has not yet introduced an updated version of the Executive's stand-alone bill dealing with Ethics, in which this proposal was included, so they did not speak to this specific proposal; however, stand-alone legislation to implement early voting was adopted earlier this year.

Election Day Leave

The Assembly has not yet introduced an updated version of the Executive's stand-alone bill dealing with Ethics, in which this proposal was included, so they did not speak to this specific proposal.

Protection of Employee Personal Information

The Assembly proposal would accept this provision, which would prohibit public employers from releasing employees personal contact information.

Child Victims Act

The Assembly excluded this provision from their proposal, as similar legislation was signed into law as a stand-alone bill earlier this session.

Division of Human Rights Jurisdiction

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to provide the New York State Division of Human Rights with oversight over public school students.

Policies to Support Pregnant and Parenting Students

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal that direct school districts to adopt policies to support pregnant and parenting students, include opportunities to make up missed classwork and excused absences due to pregnancy, childbirth or parenting.

Restorative Practices

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of \$3 million in alternative discipline grants for high need school districts or districts with a high number of student suspensions.

Mayoral Control

The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposal to extend mayoral control in New York City for an additional three years.

Minority and Women Owned Business

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to expand MWBE requirements.

School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to allow school districts to have stop arm cameras installed on busses and, after review by local law enforcement, issue tickets to violators who are photographed illegally passing school buses.

NYC School Zone Speed Cameras

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to extend the authorization for New York City to operate speed cameras in school zones for three years.

School Resource Officers

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposals that schools establish written contracts or memoranda of understanding with employed or contracted law enforcement, school resource officers or other safety personnel that would clearly delegate the role of student discipline to school administration and not safety personnel.

Net Neutrality

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to provide net neutrality protections to state agencies.

Require the Use of Seatbelts on Buses

The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to require that students under the age of 16 wear seatbelts on school busses.

STAR

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposals to cap the growth of STAR benefits for taxpayers and restrict the eligibility for taxpayers to qualify.

BOCES DS Salary Cap Increase

The Assembly includes a proposal to increase the BOCES district superintendent salary cap. This proposal would authorize BOCES boards to negotiated graduated increases with their superintendents.

TRS Reserve Fund

The Assembly includes a proposal to allow school districts to create reserve funds for teachers' retirement system contributions.

Transportation Piggybacking

The Assembly proposal would authorize school districts to participate in existing transportation contracts originally entered into by other districts, also known as "piggybacking."

Smart Schools Bond Act

The Assembly proposes that the Smart Schools Review Board meet at least once every three months and that at each meeting they announce the date of their next meeting.

BOCES Reimbursable Salary Cap and Special Services Aid

The Assembly proposes to increase the cap on BOCES salaries eligible for aid. Under the plan, the increase would phase-in over multiple years, reaching \$52,000 in 2022-23. The Assembly proposal would also phase-in an increase in special services aid for non-component districts, including the Big 5.

Building and Transportation Aid Forgiveness

The Assembly includes proposals seeking forgiveness for select school districts facing state aid takebacks due to the late filing of final cost reports or transportation contracts. The Assembly also proposes restoring the Commissioner of Educations authority to waive such takebacks in aid, if doing so would be in the educational interest of the students of the district.

Funding for Special Act School Districts

The Assembly proposes increasing the tuition rate for special act school districts by four percent for 2019-20.

Prior Year Claims

The Assembly proposal would increase funding to pay prior year aid claims by redirecting aid overpayment deductions to increase the allocation above the \$18 million offered by the Executive.