

Budget Analysis for FY 2018-19 Final Budget

Major Funding Streams

Empire State After-School: The final budget includes the Executive proposal for an additional \$10 million for a new round of grants for the Empire State After-School Program, bringing the total investment in the program to \$45 million. New funding will be eligible to school districts or not-for-profit community based organizations, a change from last year's language that restricted eligibility to school districts. \$8 million of this funding will be reserved for programs located in school districts previously eligible for the 2017 ESAP grants, as well as programs located in a school district with high rates of student homelessness. \$2 million of this funding is reserved for applicants located in high-need school districts in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and other at-risk areas in Nassau or Suffolk County determined by OCFS, DCJS, NY State Police, County Executives, or local law enforcement.

Advantage After School: The final state budget includes a \$5 million restoration for Advantage After School, bringing the total funding to \$22.3 million in this year's state budget. This represents a \$2.5 million increase from last year's budget, restoring the funding to the FY16-17 level.

Extended Learning Time: The final budget includes an appropriation of \$21,590,000 million for the continuation of extended learning time grants to school districts or school districts in collaboration with nonprofit community-based organizations. This is a \$1.59 million increase over last year's final budget for ELT.

Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention: Funding is at the same level as last year's final budget (\$24,344,000).

Youth Development Program: The final state budget includes a \$1.5 million restoration for the Youth Development Program (YDP), bringing the appropriation level to \$15.6 million. This is the same level that YDP was funded at in last year's budget, which remains a \$200,000 reduction from the FY16-17 budget. The Article VII language extends the Youth Development Program law for three years, until December 31, 2021.

Summer Youth Employment: The final budget includes \$40 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program, which is the same level proposed in the Executive Budget, an increase of \$4 million over last year's Enacted Budget.

New York City SONYC funding (through education aid): The final budget includes Article VII language authorizing the New York City Department of Education to appropriate a portion of its Foundation Aid to be utilized for afterschool programs.

Community Schools

Community Schools Aid: The Executive Proposal includes \$200 million in community schools aid to support the conversion of schools identified as "struggling" or "persistently struggling" to community schools. This is a \$50 million increase over the FY17-18 final budget. This year's final budget includes the Executive proposal for a "level-up" increase that would have raised the minimum amount of funding a school district receives from \$10,000 to \$75,000.

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers: The final budget includes \$1.2 million for the continuation of Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York. This funding was included in the FY17-18 final budget to support the operation or establishment of community schools across New York.

Mental Health Grants for Community Schools:

The final budget provides \$250,000 in new funding for grants to school districts to allow community schools to expand mental health services. According to the budget language, grants will be awarded to community schools identified by the Commissioner of Education as candidates for improving school climate or mental health supports, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget.

Child Care Subsidies

The final budget includes a \$7 million restoration for child care subsidies that was cut in last year's final budget, and includes language directing the increased federal funding from the FY18 Omnibus bill to be used in the following way:

- Up to \$80 million shall be made available for the activities necessary to meet the federally required set-aside for infant and toddler activities and to implement the health, safety and quality requirements of the Child Care Development Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2014
- At least \$10 million shall be distributed to local social services districts that agree to use such funds to expand the availability of subsidized child care
- Additional funds may also be used to implement the new market-related payment rates established pursuant to a market rate survey that will be effective on or about October 1, 2018, which may include an increase in the percentile used to establish such rates

Additional Funding

QUALITYstarsNY: The final budget provides funding at the same level as the Executive Proposal (\$5 million).

CACFP Participation: \$250,000 is allocated for a competitive grant to a non-profit to increase participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program among afterschool and early care providers. Funding is at the same level as last year's Enacted Budget.