Budget Analysis for FY 2019-20 Final Budget

Major Funding Streams

Empire State After-School: The final budget includes the Executive proposal for a $10 million increase for the Empire State After-School Program, bringing the total investment in the program to $55 million. This additional funding will establish/expand afterschool programs located in school districts with high rates of student homelessness or school districts in at-risk areas determined by OCFS, DCJS, NY State Police, County Executives, or local law enforcement. $2 million of this funding is reserved for applicants located in high need school districts in Nassau or Suffolk County. The new funds also require all programs to offer gang-prevention programming. New funding continues to be eligible to school districts or not-for-profit community based organizations, a change from FY17-18 budget language that restricted eligibility to school districts.

Advantage After School: The final state budget includes a $5 million restoration by the State Assembly for Advantage After School, bringing the total funding to $22.3 million, the same as last year’s budget. The final budget also includes the Executive proposal of $10.7 million to reflect the wage increase approved in the 2018-19 Final Budget for costs incurred by not for profit agencies that administer human services programs related to increases in the minimum wage. This $10.7 million, however, provides for only one year of funding to raise wages.

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 the same as FY18-19 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 by the State Assembly 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.

Summer Youth Employment: The final budget includes $44 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program, which is the same level proposed in the Executive Budget. This is an increase of $4 million over last year’s Enacted Budget.

New York City SONYC funding (through education aid): The final budget appears to continue the $190 million included in last year’s Enacted Budget. We will provide an update when available.

Community Schools

Community Schools Aid: The final budget includes $250 million in community schools aid to support the transformation of school buildings into community hubs to deliver co-located or school-linked academic, health, mental health, afterschool programs, dual language programs, nutrition, trauma informed support, counseling, legal and/or other services to students and their families, including providing a community school site coordinator, programs for English language learners, or other costs incurred to maximize students’ academic achievement. This is a $50 million increase over the FY18-19 Enacted Budget and includes the addition of trauma informed support as an allowable expense. This year’s final budget also includes the Executive proposal for a “level-up” increase that raises the minimum amount of funding a school district receives from $75,000 to $100,000.

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers: The final budget includes $1.2 million for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York.
**Child Care Subsidies**

**Child Care Subsidies:** The final budget appears to maintain the level of funding for child care subsidies that was included in last year's Enacted Budget. The final budget, however, includes $26M to account for the market rate outside of NYC.

**Additional Youth Funding Streams**

**Runaway and Homeless Youth:** The final budget includes an addition of $500,000 as proposed in the Executive Budget, bringing total funds to $4,984,000.

**Sexually Exploited Children and Youth:** Funding is at the same level as last year’s final budget ($3,000,000).

**Additional Funding**

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

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