

Budget Analysis for FY 2020-21 Final Budget

NOTE: Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State's economy, the Enacted Budget authorizes a reduction in spending by \$10 billion and empowers the State Budget Director to develop a plan for reductions across the board and implement it over the course of the year, as necessary. The budget also puts in place mechanisms to control spending through the year if revenues fall even further, and raise spending if either revenues come in higher than expected or the federal government delivers support that offsets the state's revenue losses. This means that the Governor can cut or increase spending for programs, if warranted by the change of the State's revenues.

Major Funding Streams

Empire State After-School: The final Budget maintains \$55 million in total investments towards the program. The Enacted Budget does not include the Executive proposal for a \$10 million increase for the Empire State After-School Program, making this the first year no additional investments were dedicated to the program.

Advantage After School: The final state budget includes a \$5 million restoration by the State Legislature for Advantage After School, bringing the total funding to \$33 million, the same as last year's budget. This includes the \$10.7 million increase provided last year, allowing for the continuation of funds to address the minimum wage increase and keep the per student rates at \$2,000.

<u>Extended Learning Time:</u> 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 FY19-20 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 Legislature 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.

<u>Summer Youth Employment</u>: The final budget includes \$45 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program, which is an increase of \$1 million over last year's Executive and Enacted Budgets. The increase is to address the rise in minimum wage, while maintaining current number of summer jobs.

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 the \$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. The Enacted Budget does not include the \$50 million increased set-aside proposed in the Executive Budget. The final budget, however, maintains the minimum amount of funding a school district receives at \$100,000.

<u>Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers:</u> The final budget includes \$1.2 million for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York.

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Child Care Subsidies

<u>Child Care Subsidies:</u> The final budget appears to maintain the level of funding for child care subsidies that was included in last year's Enacted Budget. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allocates an additional \$150M in federal CCDBG funds to New York State and may increase funding for child care subsidies in the State. We will provide an update when available.

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.

<u>Sexually Exploited Children and Youth</u>: The final budget provides \$1.5M in funds. This is a reduction of \$1.5M compared to last year's final budget.

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QUALITYstarsNY: The final budget provides \$5 million in funds at the same level as the Executive Proposal.

<u>CACFP Participation</u>: 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.