Budget Analysis for FY 2021-22 Executive Budget Proposal

As of February 1, 2021

Major Funding Streams

Advantage After School: Proposed funding decreased by $5 million in this year’s Executive Budget proposal ($28,041,000) from the $33 million in last year’s Enacted Budget. This proposal includes the $10.7 million increase for minimum wage included in the last two year’s budgets as well as $17.2 million in baseline funding, $5 million less than the baseline funding in previous budgets. If the funding is not restored, 2,500 – 5,000 participants will lose their current Advantage After School programs. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of $2,000 per student.

Empire State After-School: The Executive Proposal provides level funding for the Empire State After-School Program, leaving the total investment in the program at $55 million. This is the first year the Executive Proposal has not included an increase for the program since its inception. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of $1,600 per student.

Extended Learning Time: The Executive Proposal 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. Proposed funding remains the same as last year’s Enacted Budget for ELT.

Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention: Proposed funding is at the same level as last year’s Enacted Budget ($24,344,000). These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of $1,600 per student.

Youth Development Program: Proposed funding is $13,416,000, a reduction from last year’s Executive Budget ($14,121,700), and lower than the Enacted Budget ($15,621,700). Last year, the Legislature added $1.5 million.

Summer Youth Employment: Proposed funding is at $45,000,000, level funding with last year’s Executive and Enacted Budgets.

New York City SONYC funding (through education aid): The Executive 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 Executive Proposal 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 decrease over the Governor’s FY20-21 Budget Proposal, but level funding with the FY20-21 Enacted Budget. The minimum district set-aside amount of $100,000 is maintained.

Community Schools Regional Technical Assistance Centers: The Executive Proposal includes $1.2 million for the continuation of three Regional Technical Assistance Centers for community schools across New York.

Community Schools Mental Health: The Executive Budget includes $250,000 for grants to school districts to allow community schools to expand mental health services.

Child Care Subsidies

Funding for child care subsidies in the Executive Budget is flat at $832 million. The state general fund investment is just above the minimum needed to draw down full federal CCDBG funds at $229 million. $166.8 million of the total is federal CCDBG funds rolled over from last year. The Executive Budget reduces TANF funds investment in child care as compared to last year by almost $200 million. It is not clear where that $200 million in TANF funds has been shifted. The new federal stimulus funds are accounted for in a line reserved for the expenditure of additional federal funding made available to recover from public health emergencies.

Additional Funding

QUALITYstarsNY: Proposed funding is at the same level as last year’s Executive Proposal at $5 million.

CACFP Participation: Proposed funding is $238,000, a $12,000 decrease from last year’s Enacted Budget at $250,000.