

Budget Analysis for FY 2022-23 Final Budget

Major Funding Streams

Empire State After-School: The final budget maintains \$55 million in total investments towards the program. The final budget maintains the original rate of \$1,600 per student.

Advantage After School: The final budget includes a \$5 million restoration by the State Legislature for Advantage After School, bringing the total funding to \$33 million, the same as the 2020 budget and the 2021 budget. This includes the \$10.7 million increase provided three years ago, allowing for the continuation of funds to address the minimum wage increase and keep the per student rate at \$2,000.

Extended Learning Time: The final budget includes \$21.6 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 final budget amount for ELT.

Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention: Funding is at the same level as last year's final budget at \$24.3 million. These funds provide grants for afterschool programs at a rate of \$1,600 per student.

Youth Development Program: The final 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.

Summer Youth Employment: The final budget funding is at \$46.1 million. This is a \$1.1 million increase to the funding level in last year's budget.

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 level funding with the FY21-22 final budget. The minimum district set-aside amount of \$100,000 is maintained.

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. This maintains the same funding as last year's budget.

Community Schools Mental Health: The final budget includes \$250,000 for grants to school districts to allow community schools to expand mental health services. This funding is level with last year's budget.

Child Care

The final budget provides:

- **\$896 million** for child care subsidies,
- **\$50 million** for capital costs for building and rehabilitation of new and existing child care facilities, and
- **\$12.9 million** for existing and new) Facilitated Enrollment programs

The final budget also re-appropriates \$2.4 billion in reprogrammed federal COVID-19 relief funding, including:

- **\$343 million:** provide child care stabilization grants with 75% (or \$257.3 million to go towards workforce initiatives)
- **\$670 million-** expand subsidies to 300% FPL (family poverty level) or \$70,000 for a family of three; 12-month eligibility; 24 absences per year, limit copays to no more than 10% of FPL; and increase market rate up to 80th percentile from the 69th percentile.

Additional Youth Funding Streams

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The final budget includes an increase of \$2.1 million over last year's budget which brings the total funds to \$7,084,000.

Sexually Exploited Children and Youth: The final budget provides \$2 million in funds. This is the same funding as last year's final budget.

Additional Funding

NEW: Recover from COVID School Program (RECOVS): \$100 million is provided in the final budget for new school program grants to address student learning loss and trauma caused by COVID-19. This includes allowable expenses for the creation of summer learning, afterschool, or extended school day programs.

QUALITYstarsNY: The final budget provides \$44 million, which includes a reappropriation of \$39 million in federal stimulus funding, and \$5 million in state funds, which was the same as FY21-22.

CACFP Participation: Funding is at the same level as last year's final budget at \$250,000. This funding is allocated for the competitive grant to nonprofits to increase participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program among afterschool and early care providers.