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Budget Analysis for FY 2024-25 Final Budget

Afterschool and Summer

NEW: Advantage After School and Empire State After-School: The final budget provides \$103.3 million to support afterschool programs, following a combination of the Advantage After School and Empire State After-School programs into a new program. This is an increase of over \$15 million from last year's final budget. The budget makes funding available to extend or expand current advantage or empire afterschool contracts; to award new contracts; and for technical assistance to afterschool grant recipients. The budget also includes language that authorizes OCFS to develop and implement an expedited contracting process and allows "a portion of the funds **shall** be available to continue previously awarded empire state afterschool contracts with school districts."

NEW: Universal Afterschool Feasibility Study: The final budget includes language directing the Office of Child and Family Services to complete a feasibility study for providing afterschool to all school-aged children within eighteen months of the bill passage. This is an exploratory step toward universal afterschool in New York.

Minimum Wage Increase Funding: The final budget re-appropriates about \$3.96 million for Empire State After-School and Advantage After School programs to increase minimum wage. This is a portion of the \$4.5 million provided in last year's budget for not-for-profit organizations that administer human services programs to fund the increases to minimum wage.

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.

Recover from COVID School Program (RECOVS): The \$100 million provided in last year's enacted budget was re-appropriated for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years to support 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.

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.

Community Schools

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.

Youth Development

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 \$55 million. This is a \$8 million increase to the funding level in last year's budget.

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The final budget includes an increase of \$700,000 over last year's budget which brings the total funds to \$8,484,000.

Youth Employment Program: The final budget includes an increase of \$20.8 million over last year's budget which brings total funds to \$38.8 million.

Youth Sports Activities and Education Program: The final budget includes \$10 million. This is an increase of \$4.4 million over last year's final budget.

Sexually Exploited Children and Youth: The final budget provides \$1 million in funds. This is level funded with last year's final budget.

Child Care

Child Care Development Block Grant Scholarship: The final budget appropriates up to \$20 million of the Child Care Development Block grant for services and expenses related to child care scholarships education and ongoing professional development. This is an increase of about \$2.6 million over the FY23-24 final budget..

Subsidy: The final budget appropriates approximately \$2.036 billion for child care assistance using federal, state, and local funding to subsidize child care. This maintains the limit of family co-pays to no more than 1% of income over the federal poverty level and child care subsidy eligibility to 85% of state median income.

Facilitated Enrollment Programs: The final budget expands investment in two pilot programs, one in New York City (\$5 million) and another serving communities outside NYC (\$5 million). Also expands to serve students currently excluded due to their immigration status and episodic workers with income less than 400% of the federal poverty level in NYC. This is an increase of \$4.9 million over the FY23-24 budget.

Workforce Retention Program: The final budget re-appropriates funding from FY23-24 for the Child Care Workforce Retention Grant Program. Remaining funds (~\$280 million) is expected to be available for another round of the grant to support workforce retention initiatives.

Child Care Infrastructure: The final budget re-appropriates \$50 million capital costs for building and rehabilitation of new and existing child care facilities re-appropriated from last year's budget.

Employer-Supported Child Care Pilot: The final budget includes \$4.8 million a pilot program for Employer Child Care where the employer, state, and individual cover child care costs with each paying a third, serving families between 85 and 100% SMI in three regions of the state.

Business Navigator Program: The final budget provides \$1 million toward a business navigator program in each of the ten regional economic development council regions to help businesses identify different child care supports for their employees.

QUALITYstarsNY: The final budget provides \$5 million in state funds, this is level funded with last year's budget.