

# Welcome

## **“What Hochul’s New York Means for You and Your School”**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Longwood Regional Legislative Breakfast**

**February 4, 2023**



# 2022 in Review

- Foundation Aid Phase-In Year 2 of 3
  - \$1.53 billion increase
    - 50% of remaining phase-in
    - Minimum 3% increase
- Building and Transportation Aid Forgiveness
- Virtual Open Meetings Law
- WIRED Broadband Act
- Zero-Emission School Buses
  - Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act

# Executive Budget

- Total state aid increase of \$3.07 million (9.9%)
- Foundation Aid
  - Full-funding for all districts (final year of phase-in plan), driving a \$2.7 billion increase
  - All districts guaranteed a minimum 3% increase
  - \$250 million “set-aside” for high-impact tutoring
- Expense-based aids
  - \$232 million increase over current levels
- Pre-kindergarten
  - \$125 million for continued expansion

# Executive Budget

- \$10 million to help develop school-based clinics for child mental health support
  - As well as increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for school-based health centers
- \$20 million to support the establishment of new ECHS and P-TECH programs
- \$10 million to develop strategic workforce plans that promote job readiness across the state

# Executive Budget

- One year extension of the retiree earnings cap waiver
- State investments to combat cyber threats
- Ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products to reduce the use of tobacco products amongst youth
- Eliminating the NYC regional cap on charter schools and allowing “zombie” charters to be reissued
- Electrification of buildings



# What Was Left Out?

- Plan for the future of Foundation Aid
- Universal Schools Meals
- BOCES aidable salary cap and special services aid (CTE)
- Prior Year Aid Claim funding
- Increase to the fund balance limit

# State Budget and Legislative Timeline

- February 1 – Executive budget released
- Mid-February – Updated school aid database
- Early/mid March – Assembly and Senate release “one house” budget proposals
- April 1 – Enacted budget due date
- June 8 – Last scheduled day of legislative session

# NYSSBA 2023 Fiscal Priorities

- **Ensure full phase-in of Foundation Aid**
  - Full funding is estimated to amount to an additional \$2.66 billion
  - NYSSBA strongly believes that all districts currently on hold harmless should receive a due minimum increase in Foundation Aid
- **Foundation Aid formula review and improvement**
  - Conduct new costing out study
  - Review and adjust the weightings for high-need students
  - Improve data collection for measuring student poverty
  - Update the Regional Cost Index
  - Review impact of student-based district wealth factors
  - Account for the property tax cap in a district's expected local contribution
  - Eliminate the use of "set-asides," or restrictions, on the use of operational funding
- **Fully fund and maintain expense-based aids**
  - \$230 million over 2022-23 levels



# NYSSBA 2023 Fiscal Priorities, cont.

- Universal School Meals Program
- Student Health & Mental Health
- BOCES Aid Salary Cap and Special Services Aid (CTE)
- Prior Year Aid Claims
- Environmental Sustainability and Adaptability

# NYSSBA 2023 Policy Priorities

- Teacher and Staff Shortages
- School Safety
- Charter Schools
- Increase to the Fund Balance Limit
- Tax Cap Reform
- IDA/PILOT Reform
- School Budget Votes & Elections
- Schools as Polling Places

# Upcoming NYSSBA Advocacy Events

- **Capital Conference**

- Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30a-12:45p (virtual)
- Guests include Commissioner Betty Rosa, Sen. Shelley Mayer, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Assistant Secretary of Education to the Governor Michael Mastroianni
- Executive Budget overview and Advocacy Tips
- Sponsored by Utica National

- **Lobby Day**

- Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>
- In-person at the NYS Capitol and Legislative Office Building
- Attendees schedule meetings with their legislators
- NYSSBA provides briefing materials.. and breakfast!

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