

Issue	Governor	Senate <sup>i</sup>	Assembly <sup>ii</sup>	Council Comments
<b>School Aid</b>				
<b>Foundation Aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes (1) a wealth-adjusted reduction in Foundation Aid save-harmless; (2) applying a lower inflation factor than required by current law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects proposed reductions; would provide guaranteed minimum 3% increase.</li> <li>Omits proposed increase in maximum sharing ratio from .900 to .910.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects proposed reductions; would provide guaranteed minimum 3% increase.</li> <li>Accepts proposed increase in maximum sharing ratio from .900 to .910.</li> </ul>	The Council opposes the proposed reductions in Foundation Aid and supports providing a guaranteed minimum increase.
<b>Expense-Based and Other Aids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes funding according to current law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would fund aids at current law levels or greater as noted below.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would fund aids at current law levels or greater as noted below.</li> </ul>	The Council supports funding most of these aids according to current law, with exceptions for increases noted below.
<b>Database Freeze</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to freeze used data in School Aid calculations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	The Council opposes this proposal which has been routinely rejected by the Legislature in past years.
<b>Prior Year Adjustments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding proposed or prior year adjustments owed to school districts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would provide \$50 million for prior year adjustments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would provide \$18.7 million for prior year adjustments.</li> </ul>	The Council supports funding for prior year adjustments.
<b>Career and Technical Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not propose increasing BOCES and Special Services Aid in support of CTE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would increase BOCES aidable salary limit over three years and increase per pupil cap in Special Services Aid and provide reimbursement on behalf of 9<sup>th</sup> graders for non-BOCES districts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would increase BOCES aidable salary limit to \$60,000 over three years and provide Special Services Aid reimbursement on behalf of 9<sup>th</sup> graders for non-BOCES districts.</li> </ul>	The Council supports increasing BOCES and Special Services Aids to fund CTE.
<b>Prekindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes no change in pre-k funding. Does propose removing “supplement not supplant” language.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would add \$150 million.</li> <li>Would increase per pupil funding and direct State Education Department to conduct study recommending steps to consolidate funding streams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would add \$62.5 million for full-day programs.</li> <li>Would add \$62.5 million to increase minimum per pupil funding from \$5,400 to \$7,000.</li> </ul>	The Council supports steps to consolidate and streamline prekindergarten funding streams.

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<b>Library Materials Aid</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would increase per pupil funding amount from \$6.25 to \$11.00.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would increase per pupil funding amount from \$6.25 to \$11.00.</li> </ul>	
<b>Increase Capital Outlays Limit</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would raise limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would raise limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000.</li> </ul>	The Council supports raising the limit on capital outlays from \$100,000 to \$250,000.
<b>Funding for Court Mandate to Provide Special Education to Age 22</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calls on Executive to provide funding.</li> </ul>		The Council supports the Regents proposals to amend state aid formulas to provide reimbursement to school districts for continuing special education for students up to age 22, consistent with federal court decision.
<b>Community Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes to continue Community Schools set-aside within Foundation Aid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepts Executive proposal to continue set-aside.</li> <li>• Would add \$105 million for a new Community Schools Aid formula</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepts Executive proposal to continue set-aside.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Funding Items</b>				
<b>Special Education Residential Placement Cost Shift</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes to make permanent elimination of state share, shifting an estimated \$28.6 million in costs to school districts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would modify Executive proposal to provide a one-year extension of the cost shift.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omits Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	The Council opposes this cost shift.
<b>Child Victims Act Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding proposed.</li> </ul>	The Council supports state funding to assist school districts in paying claims.
<b>School Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes \$11 million increase in state support; would not fund universal free meals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add \$125 million to fund universal free meals and require participating schools to provide free lunch and breakfast for all students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add \$120 million for universal free meals.</li> </ul>	
<b>My Brother's Keeper</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would increase funding by \$12 million, to a total of \$30 million.</li> </ul>		

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<b>Under-represented Teachers</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add \$5 million to Teachers of Tomorrow program to expand diversity in teacher workforce.</li> </ul>		
<b>Grants to Combat Hate in Public Schools</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would provide \$5 million for grants to combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Asian hate, and all other forms of hate in public schools.</li> </ul>		
<b>Tax Certiorari Assistance</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would provide \$4 million to assist districts facing financial hardship due to a change in property valuation or tax certioraris.</li> </ul>		
<b>Teacher Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes to eliminate funding for Teachers Centers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would restore \$21.4 million for 2024-25 school year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would restore \$21.4 million for 2024-25 school year.</li> </ul>	
<b>“Bullet Aid”</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add \$12.5 million to be allocated by resolution for grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, public colleges and universities, and education arts not-for-profit institutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add \$9.96 million for grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, not-for-profit institutions and public colleges and universities.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Smart Schools Bond Act</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes new \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act to support purchase and installation of technology including high speed internet connectivity for schools and communities, construction or improvement of space to accommodate pre-k, security enhancements, energy efficiency improvements, and construction or installation of charging infrastructure for zero-emission school buses.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Legislation and Other Issues</b>				
<b>Retiree Earnings Limitation</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes extending exemption for one year for retirees returning to work in schools.</li> <li>Would raise retiree earnings limit from \$35,000 to \$50,000.</li> </ul>		The Council supports extending the exemption through at least the 2024-25 school year.
<b>Tier 6</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would reduce final average salary used in Tier 6 benefit calculations from 5 to 3 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would reduce final average salary used in Tier 6 benefit calculations from 5 to 3 years.</li> </ul>	
<b>Science of Reading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to require State Education Department to promulgate best practices in reading instruction and require districts certify their curriculum and instructional practices are aligned with SED best practices.</li> <li>Proposes \$10 million to appropriated for NYSUT Education and Learning Trust to support professional development in reading instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally accepts Executive proposal, proposes modification to enforcement mechanism— districts would be required to outline implementation steps to community.</li> <li>Accepts Executive funding proposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifies Executive proposal to give Education Commissioner additional time to provide schools with best practices for reading instruction and remove requirement for districts to annually certify alignment with best practices.</li> <li>Accepts Executive funding proposal.</li> </ul>	
<b>FAFSA Completion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to require districts to obtain documentation from students or families that FAFSA application has been completed or waiver affirming that student chooses not to; districts would also be required to report data on FAFSA completion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifies Executive proposal but would require districts to obtain documentation of FAFSA completion or a waiver and to report data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require schools to conduct presentations, distribute information, and report data on FAFSA; would <u>not</u> require schools to seek documentation on FAFSA completion or a waiver from students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Zero-Emission School Buses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to establish that any funds received by districts from Environmental Bond Act to support transition to zero-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts Executive proposal and would ensure any federal aid also supplements regular Transportation Aid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	The Council supports the Executive proposal as modified by the Senate. The Council also supports state funding for route feasibility studies, independent estimates of range

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	emission buses will supplement regular Transportation Aid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes creation of a state agency working group to lead implementation of transition to zero-emission buses.</li> </ul>		capacity, and reducing amortization period for aid for zero-emission buses from 12 to 7 years.
<b>New York City Mayoral Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes 4-year extension on current New York City mayoral control of school governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omits Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omits Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	
<b>COVID Leave Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to repeal requirement for employers to provide sick leave benefits employees subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifies Executive proposal to continue benefits only for employees of health care facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	The Council supports repeal of these requirements for school districts.
<b>Smart Schools Review Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to dissolve Smart Schools Review Board, removing a bureaucratic step in project approvals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejects Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	The Council has long supported eliminating the Smart School Review Board.
<b>Under-represented Teachers Convention</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to require the Education Commissioner to annually a statewide convention of underrepresented educators and at least five regional conferences each year. Would appropriate \$352,000 to fund initiative.</li> </ul>		
<b>State Education Department Operating Budget</b>				
<b>Additional Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes additional positions for information technology, longitudinal data system initiative, literacy and health content expertise, and zero-emission bus mandate implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts Executive proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts Executive proposal.</li> </ul>	
<b>Funding for SED to Support</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes \$1 million.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes \$1 million.</li> </ul>	The Council supports funding to enable the State Education Department to deliver research

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Review of Foundation Aid				needed to update the Foundation Aid formula.
Rochester School District Fiscal Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to eliminate \$150,000 to fund fiscal consultant for Rochester City School District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would restore funding for consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would restore funding for consultant.</li> </ul>	
Funding for Charter School Office	.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would add \$934,000</li> </ul>		
Holocaust Curriculum			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would provide \$500,000 to review and update Holocaust curriculum.</li> </ul>	
Funding for State Assessments for English Language Learners with Disabilities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would add \$4.5 million</li> </ul>		

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.nysenate.gov/print/pdf/node/12033389>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://nyassembly.gov/Reports/WAM/AssemblyBudgetProposal/2024/2024AssemblySummary.pdf?t=1710443604>