

A Comparison of School Aid Proposals for 2017-18: NYSASBO, Regents and Educational Conference Board

Item	NYSASBO	Regents	Educational Conference Board	Executive Budget Proposal
Overall increase	\$2.1 billion	\$2.1 billion	\$2 billion	\$961 Million
Foundation Aid	\$3.8 billion over the next three years (\$1.2 billion a year) for full phase in (uses data prior to 11/15/16)	\$1.471 billion - Full phase in within three years (uses 11/15/16 data)	Full phase in of \$3.8 billion within three years (uses data prior to 11/15/16)	\$428 million (including \$50 million set-aside for Community Schools). The proposal directs more than 80 percent of the increase to high need school districts but eliminates the phase in to the fully funded formula.
Property Tax Cap	Implement the BOCES capital cost exclusion and include properties under PILOT agreements in the tax base growth factor.	No proposal.	Provide for a stable 2 percent allowable levy growth factor rather than CPI. Implement the BOCES capital cost exclusion and include properties under PILOT agreements in the tax base growth factor.	Not mentioned
Career and Technical Education	\$76 million over three years (\$25.4 million each year) includes enhanced BOCES Aid for CTE pathway programs, Enhanced and expanded aid for Big Five and Non Component school districts	\$60 million including enhanced BOCES Aid for CTE pathways programs, Enhanced and expanded aid for Big Five and Non Component school districts	\$500 million collectively for CTE, UPK, Struggling Schools, ELLs, and professional development, and to assist districts with growing enrollments	\$5.3 million to create up to 10 new early college high schools focused on technology training, particularly computer science. \$2 million to expand the master teacher program to designate an additional 115 computer science teachers statewide.
Universal Pre-K	No proposal.	\$100 million	Same as above	\$5 million
ELL Education	\$100 million per year until the Foundation Aid Formula is fully phased in	\$100 million--this would fund coteaching, family engagement, services to students with interrupted/inconsistent formal education, programs and services for newcomers	Same as above	ELLs are included as a factor in determining district eligibility for a Community Schools Aid increase.
Professional Development	No proposal.	\$30 million, for teachers and principals	Same as above	Allow districts that adopt free, open-source online textbooks to use savings from textbook budget for professional development.
Prior Year Adjustments	\$321 million over the next three years (\$107 million a year) to fully pay for all prior year adjustments	No proposal.	\$321 million in 2017-18	Not mentioned
Expense-Based Aids	Full funding of expense-based aids	Full funding of expense-based aids at \$335 million	Full funding of expense-based aids	\$333 million reimbursement for expense-based aids
Child Nutrition Reimbursement	\$75 million over three years (\$25 million each year)	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	\$500,000 for farm-to-school programs and expand education about healthy food.
Save Harmless	Holds districts harmless against loss (\$253 million)	Holds districts harmless against loss and provides a wealth adjusted increase up to one percent that benefits 170/250 school districts on save harmless	Holds districts harmless against loss (\$253 million)	Holds districts harmless against loss and provides at least a one percent increase to all school districts.
Mandate Relief	Recommends various cost savings measures like shared bus routes, reducing internal audit requirements and eliminating duplicative fingerprinting of bus drivers. See Legislative Priorities at: www.nysasbo.org	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Allows a waiver process to allow school districts, BOCES and approved private schools to seek waivers to special education requirements that go beyond federal requirements. Other mandate relief is not mentioned
Expanded After-School Care	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	\$35 million to create an additional 22,000 slots for after-school care in high need cities.