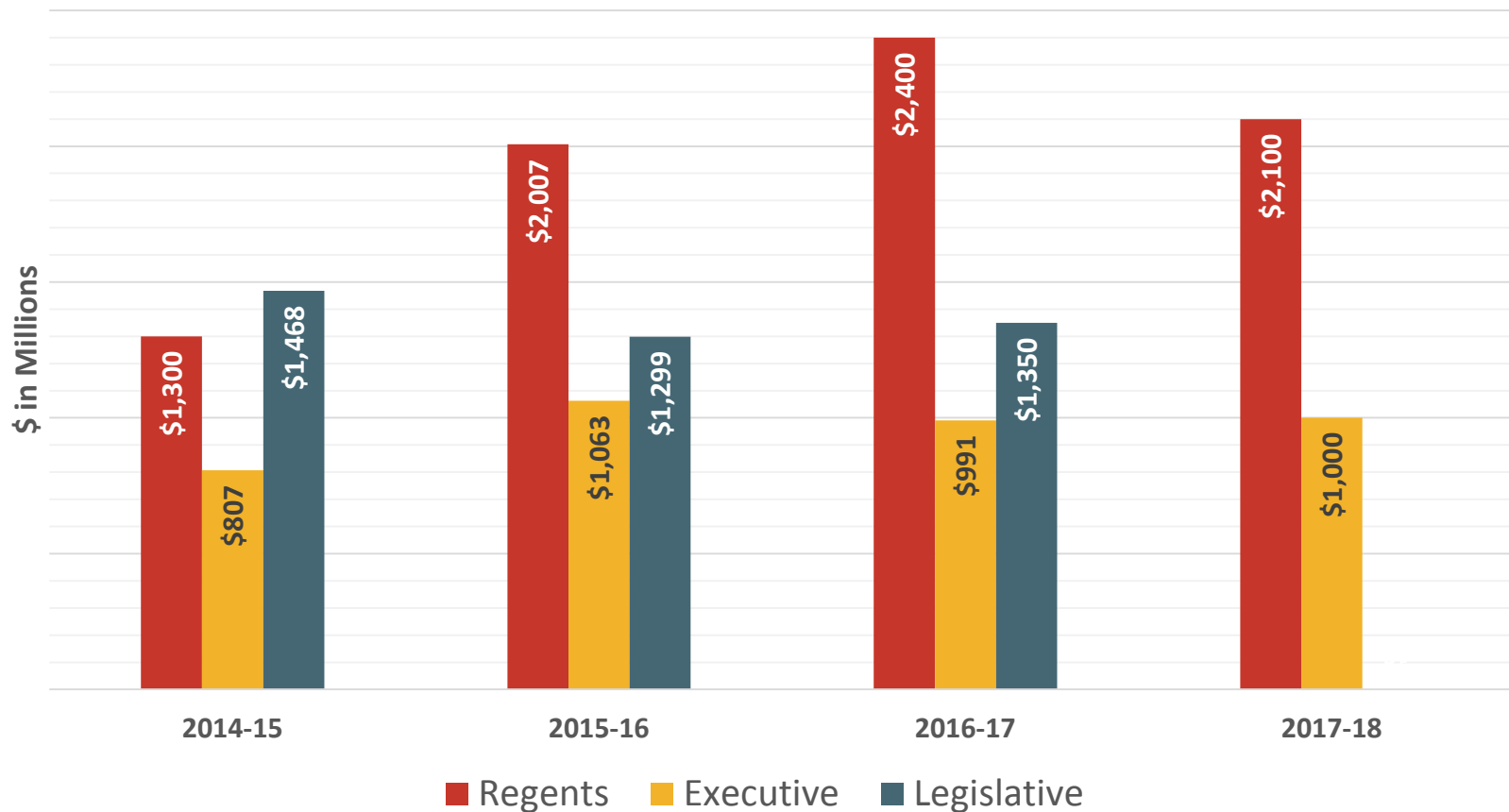


2017-18 Executive State Aid Update



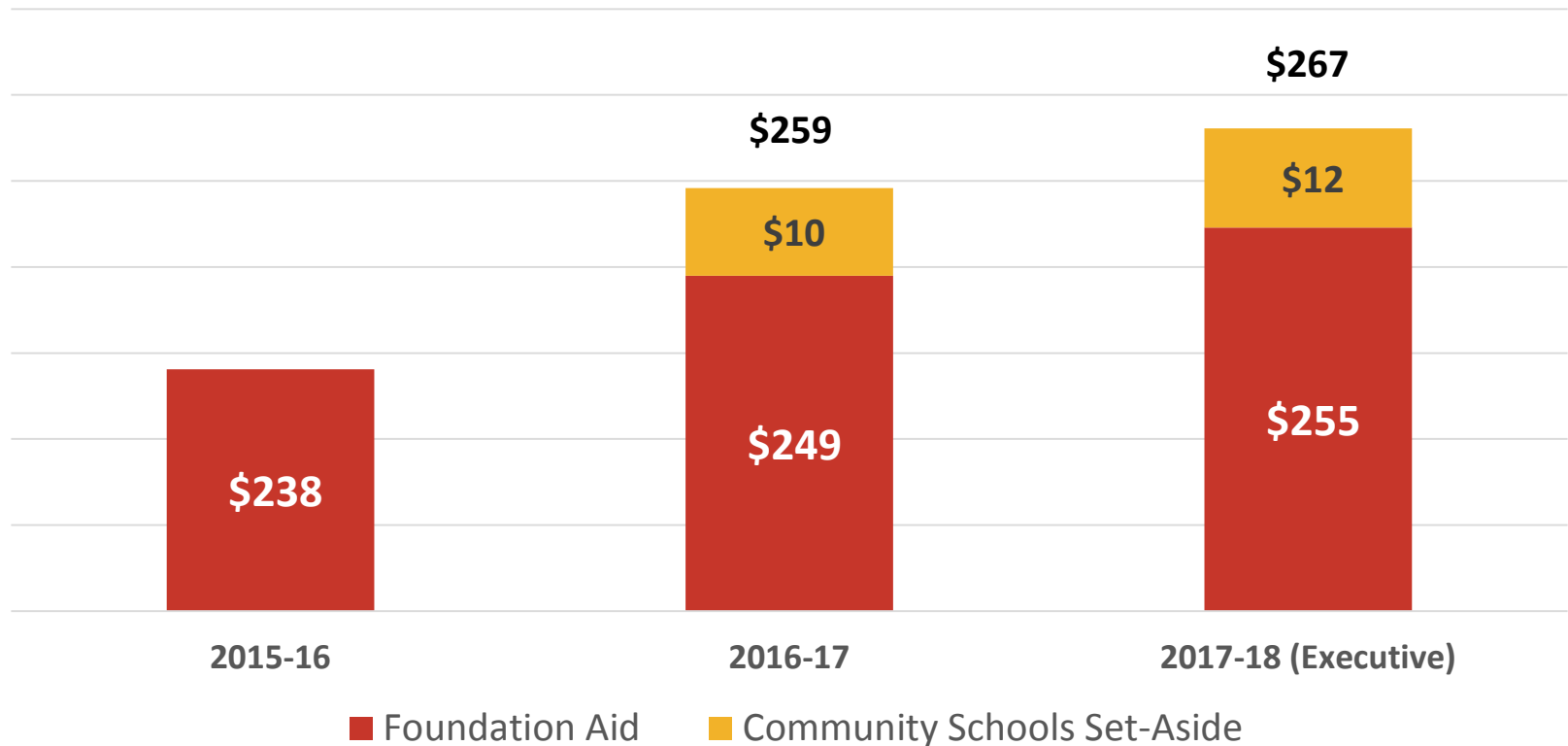
January 2017

NYS Public Education State Aid Increase



Syracuse Foundation Aid Increase

Net Foundation Aid in Millions



NYS Regents & Executive Budget Proposals


Aid Category	NYS Board of Regents Increase \$2.1 Billion	Governor's State Aid Increase \$1.0 Billion
Foundation Aid	\$ 1.47 B	\$ 428 M
Expense-Based Aids	335 M	333 M
Universal Pre-K	100 M	5 M
English Language Learners	100 M	
College & Career Pathways	60 M	5 M
Professional Development	<u>30 M</u>	
Fiscal Stabilization		150 M
Charter School Reimbursement		22 M
After-School Programs		35 M
Smart Schools Debt		17 M
Various Other		<u>5 M</u>
Total	\$ 2.1 B	\$ 1.0 B

Foundation Aid Phase-In

- Phase-in Foundation Aid amount remaining is \$4.3 billion Statewide
- For Syracuse the phase-in represents \$41 million dollars

Regents proposal is for 3 year full phase-in, which would yield about \$14 million a year for Syracuse.

2016-17 Foundation Aid	\$ 259
<u>Regents Proposed Increases:</u>	
2017-18	+ 14
2018-19	+ 14
2019-20	<u>+ 13</u>
Total Increase	<u>\$ 41</u>
2019-20 Foundation Aid	\$ 300



The Governor's Executive Budget eliminates the Foundation Aid Phase-in calculation entirely with no commitment to increase Foundation Aid in future years.

Advocacy




2017-18 State Aid Request
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Request: \$23.8 Million State Aid Increase over the Governor's Executive Budget
Total Year to Year Increase of \$31.8 Million

-  **1. Foundation Aid (\$12 million)**
 - Additional \$12 million (for a total Foundation Aid increase of \$20 million) to avoid having to make devastating cuts to staffing and programs.
 - Increase the weighting of ELLs and Immigrant students and include exiting and long-term ELLs to drive additional Foundation Aid.
 - Direct a portion of the funds from the \$150 million Fiscal Stabilization Fund to a Foundation Aid increase for the SCSD.
 - Restore the Phase-In of Full Foundation Aid.
-  **2. Student Transportation (\$4.6 million)**
 - \$4.6 million in targeted funding to cover reducing the walk zone from 1.5 to 1.0 mile for K-8 students (January - June 2018). Possible funding source: broaden the scope of the \$35 million in After School Program funds to also include student transportation.
 - Legislation for Pilot Program for Syracuse to provide Transportation Aid for all K-8 students who live more than 1.0 mile from school.
-  **3. Special Services Aid for Career & Technical Education (\$3.5 million)**
 - Support raising the per pupil cap on funding to \$4,200 from \$3,900 to enable us to increase qualified workers in New York's high-need, high-growth industries and dramatically increase our graduation rate (\$500,000).
 - Expand Special Services Aid to cover the 1,000 9th grade students enrolled in CTE courses (\$3 million).
-  **4. School Health Services (\$1.2 million)**
 - Allocate Supplemental School Health Services grant funding of \$1.2 million to allow Syracuse to more adequately cover the health needs of our large urban school district.
 - This would give SCSD parity with other large urban districts in Upstate New York who already receive this supplemental funding.
-  **5. Prior Year Aid Claims (Currently \$2.5 million)**
 - Direct any unanticipated one-time state revenue (such as litigation settlements) to pay down prior year aid claims with high-need districts receiving priority.

State Aid Ask - Additional \$23.8 Million

Includes Transportation Legislation and Bullet Aid of \$4.6 million

New York State Aid for Public Education

\$12.0

- **Phase-in of Foundation Aid** – full phase-in would increase Syracuse City School District's annual state aid by \$42 million. We are asking for an increase of at least \$12 this year and continued phase-in

- **English Language Learners & Immigrant Students** - increase weighting of ELLs and Immigrant students, include existing and long-term ELLs

\$1.2

- **School Health Services** has been flat funded for more than a decade and does not fund even 1/3 of the nursing staff

- **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** – as we continue to grow the CTE program offering in Syracuse, we need funding increased to include 9th grade students and the amount of funding increased to reflect current costs

\$3.5

- **Payment of Prior Years' Claims** – SCSD has \$2.5 million in prior year claims pending

\$2.5

- **Transportation** – Our community has a laser focus on reducing the walk zone for children across the City of Syracuse. We are asking for 1.0 Mile all students grades K-8 beginning in January 2018

\$4.6

Other Legislative Asks & Budget Issues

- **Charter School** proposed tuition increase would cost an additional \$800 per pupil which adds another \$1.5 million
 - Maintain the existing language on Charter School Tuition
- Flexibility or ability to repurpose **After-School** funds for transportation
- **Community Schools Set-aside** – give districts the flexibility to use these funds for existing community school programs
- Disconnect state aid payment from implementation of 3012-d **APPR requirements** by September 2017
- Eliminate Governor's proposal to **unilaterally reduce state aid mid-year**
- **No to November Database Freeze** –\$1 million impact in Charter School Transition Aid because in February we updated our projection for two new charters opening in Syracuse

Local Advocacy

Tax Cap Increases

- A tax increase at the cap in **2015-16** would have added approximately **\$1.9 million** per year thereafter in school tax revenues
- A tax increase at the cap in **2016-17** would have added approximately **\$1.0 million** per year thereafter in school tax revenues



STAR & Pilots & Land Bank

- STAR is approximately \$11 million dollars per year, but the school district only receives \$6.5
- City Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Agreements exclude the district and eliminate school taxes for duration of the PILOT
- Land Bank Transactions are still removing more properties from the tax rolls than adding impacting property tax and school tax
- Sales Tax Sharing Agreement expires December 2020 – SCSD 0.66%