



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 (\$0.5 million).
- 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.