

2022 Executive Budget Proposal: AQE Side by Side Comparison

	Executive Proposal	Alliance for Quality Education Demands
Total Proposed School Aid Increase	\$2.1 billion increase	Full funding for Foundation Aid and expense based aids \$2.7 billion increase
Phase-in of Foundation Aid Formula	Fully funding Foundation Aid, year two	Continuing with year 2 of the 3 Year Phase-In Education justice requires adequate and equitably distributed funding for our public schools.
Foundation Aid	\$1.6 billion The executive proposal includes a minimum increase of 3% for all school districts.	The amount that the State Education Department determines when it produces the law mandated school aid projections for the following fiscal year. The runs indicated \$1.6 billion for year two of the three year phase in.
Contract for Excellence	Continues the Contract for Excellence for school districts currently under the program unless all of their schools are in good standing.	Continue the Contract for Excellence, as it is the only evidence based accountability measure.

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Community Schools	<p>No Increase in Separate Funding for Community Schools</p> <p>The executive budget maintains the \$250 million set aside within Foundation Aid for community schools and the \$1.2 million for the regional technical assistance centers.</p>	<p>We want strong schools with curricula that are engaging, relevant and rigorous; support high-quality teaching and not high stakes testing; social, emotional, health and mental health services as well as wraparound supports for every child; student-centered school climate, and transformative parent and community engagement. The pandemic has illustrated in no uncertain terms the needs that students and communities have. It is time to address them. An investment of \$100 million for new community schools and \$2 million for the technical assistance centers is necessary.</p>
Pre-K	<p>No proposed increase, maintains the program</p>	<p>\$500 million for expansion of access including:</p> <p>New York needs to fulfill its promise to provide full-day Pre-K for all 3- and 4-year-olds across the state.</p> <p>The state must also invest in creating more regional technical assistance centers, which help with the implementation of new and expansion of existing pre-K programs, as well as coordination with child care programs.</p>

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Charter Schools	<p>Tuition Increases for Charter schools per the existing formula</p> <p>Supplemental Tuition Payments: The Executive proposes to increase the State reimbursement to school districts for Supplemental Tuition Payments by \$52 million, for a total of \$185 million.</p> <p>New York City Charter Facilities Aid: The Executive proposal increases charter schools’ facilities aid by \$48.5 million from SFY 2021-22, for a total of \$100 million.</p>	<p>AQE supports increasing the supplemental tuition payments for school districts.</p> <p>AQE also supports eliminating the requirement to NYC to pay for rent for charter schools or provide space.</p> <p>NYC should become eligible for transitional aid that other school districts receive.</p> <p>Revise the charter school tuition formula so that public schools are not adversely impacted by increases.</p>

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Child Care	<p>The executive budget expands access to child care to working New York families earning less than 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL) over the next three years, with the first expansion to 225% of FPL, starting in October 2022. The proposal preserves the child care subsidy system’s maze of rules that create obstacles to access. The Governor’s proposed expansion after it is fully phased in excludes many families in need of support including: many immigrant families; families involved in the child welfare system; families experiencing homelessness; parents with disabilities; parents experiencing unemployment; foster families.</p> <p>The executive budget provides \$75 million in federal stimulus funds to support the child care workforce.</p> <p>The executive budget invests \$125 million to increase child care subsidy reimbursement rates.</p> <p>The executive budget proposes providing \$15.6 million to expand childcare to all SUNY and CUNY campuses. Currently, 18 SUNY and 8 CUNY campuses do not have child care centers</p>	<p>In 2022, we need to ensure affordable, accessible early learning opportunities with the goal of creating statewide universal access to child care. To do so we need \$4.7- \$5 billion for universal child care, including passing S7595/A8623 (Brisport/Hevesi).</p> <p>To be on the path for Universal Child Care, in 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New York provides universal, guaranteed access to child care of the family’s choice (family-based/ center-based/informal child care) – for all children regardless of parental work status or income or immigration status in year one (\$3 billion) 2. New York immediately raises workforce wages by extending stabilization grants and creating an early childhood workforce compensation fund until payment rates are increased (\$1.4 billion) 3. New York transitions to a payment rate model that is based on a “cost estimation model” that accounts for geography, quality and assumes all child care staff are paid at parity with elementary school teachers (\$600 million)

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Creating a Positive School Climate	<p>The executive budget continues \$10 million for student mental health support grants and the \$3 million for alternatives to school discipline.</p> <p>The executive budget also proposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2 million for grants to school districts to support programs designed to improve school climate. \$50 million per year (for a total of \$100 million) for the next two years in state matching grants for school districts that use federal COVID-19 relief funding for (i) the employment of mental health professionals, the expansion of school-based mental health services, or other evidence-based mental health supports for students and school staff or (ii) the creation or expansion of summer learning, after school, or extended day and year programs for students. 	<p>AQE supports the proposals in the executive budget</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Urges the legislature to pass the Solutions Not Suspensions Act (A5197/S7198) sponsored by AM Nolan and Senator Jackson.</p>
Special Education	<p>The Executive Budget proposes an increase of \$240 million for special education and preschool special ed. The budget proposal directs the Division of the Budget to administratively authorize a cost-of-living adjustment of 11% for preschool special education programs for the 2022-23 school year.</p>	<p>Supports the proposal in the executive budget</p>

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Mayoral Control	Extends Mayoral Control to 2026	<p>The system of mayoral control often operates with little regard to parents priorities and concerns, especially from Black and Latinx parents. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many parents concerned about the safety of their children and families demanded a remote learning option, a demand that did not materialize as the mayor’s office was unresponsive. Instead of renewing a system of control that leaves out major stakeholders like parents, it’s time to revisit community control or a co-governance structure. We urge the state to provide NYSED with the resources to develop a commission to make recommendations on how NYC schools can re-empower parents to have more control over their schools.</p>

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Adult Literacy Education	The executive budget maintains funding for Adult Literacy Education at \$7.8 million.	Invest \$25 million in NYSED Funding for Adult Literacy Education (ALE): The state should maintain last year's \$7.8 million investment and increase ALE by \$17.2 million. More than 3.4 million adults in New York, who were on the frontlines of the pandemic, lack English language proficiency or basic literacy and numeracy skills. Adult literacy education is essential to a fair, sustainable recovery. ALE is one of the few state funding streams able to address the need for flexible adult education services by supporting community-based English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation programs. Expanding ALE would increase per-student funding in Adult Literacy Education through strategic investments in resources, services, and supports, such as technology, counseling/case management. This will lead to greater outcomes and a wider range of impacts for adult literacy students, their families, and their communities.