The state constitutional obligation to fund a high-quality education for each and every New York student remains unfilled.

Unfortunately, state aid as allocated in the Executive Budget proposal is insufficient to address student need.

The $504 million increase in Foundation Aid, $200 million allocation for high-needs Foundation Aid, and $72 million for expense-based aid is much less than half of the $2.1 billion school aid increase called for by NYS PTA and other educational advocates.

NYS PTA has called for a $2.1 billion increase in school aid:

1. $1.6 billion, primarily through Foundation Aid, to continue current services; and
2. $500 million in targeted funding to assist schools in receivership, support students from all backgrounds and with varied needs, strengthen mental health services and school safety, and expand learning opportunities.

NYS PTA also supports:

- A ban on flavored e-cigarettes, e-liquids, and flavored tobacco;
- A ban on polystyrene;
- A full phase-in of Foundation Aid - $4 billion is still owed to our children;
- The ability for ALL schools to convert to a community school with increased family engagement;
- School-based mental health programs for students;
- Full-day Kindergarten, high-quality Pre-K, and after-school programs for all;
- BOCES/Big 5 CTE expansion, Early College High Schools and IB and AP access and expansion;
- Support for English Language Learners, students with disabilities and homeless students;
- School and bus security initiatives; and
- Support for Recovery High Schools.

NYS PTA has serious concern and fully opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

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