



**Embrace Advocacy for  
Every Child**

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 Positions on the Executive Budget

### **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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