Did you know that in the 10 year period between 2007-08 and 2017-18 school years:

- the percentage of students receiving free and reduced-price lunch increased 15 percent;
- the number of English language learners grew by more than 18 percent; and
- students with disabilities increased by more than 17 percent.

Schools are focused on addressing the very real issues and needs that their students face on a daily basis. As they respond to these pressing needs, they are also committed to providing the quality academic program demanded by a dynamic, competitive global economy.

Schools cannot continue to do more with less. Under the Campaign for Fiscal Equities settlement, our NY public school students are still owed nearly $4 billion.

Our students need a $2.1 billion state aid increase

NYS must provide a $2.1 billion state aid increase to continue current educational services and address priorities:

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.

Update the Foundation Aid formula based on current costs and financial factors:

1. Conduct a new costing out study;
2. Review and modify student need weightings; and
3. Update and restructure the Regional Cost Index.

Modify the tax cap to better reflect the fiscal realities of schools:

1. Provide for an “allowable levy growth factor” of at least 2 percent;
2. Implement adjustments related to the BOCES capital improvements and PILOT properties; and
3. Amend the carryover provision.

Together, we can make every child’s potential a reality.

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