



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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