



While the Executive Budget provides a year-to-year increase of approximately \$2.1 billion for the 2021-22 school year - this increase is solely from the use of Federal COVID-19 relief funds. State support for school aid was actually cut \$607 million.

The Division of Budget has said that the state reductions may be restored if the state receives their requested \$15 billion Federal COVID relief funds, however our advocacy is critical now.

We must find ways to increase state support of our schools. Our students cannot withstand cuts to state funding and sole reliance on federal funds to succeed.

## Our students need your support NOW more than ever

### Say NO to education cuts

**NYS must support our students, and restore the \$607 million cut in state support to school aid.**

The Executive Budget also calls for nearly a \$400 million reduction in, and consolidation of, expense-based aids. It also creates a new \$1.35 billion "Local District Funding Adjustment." These are both reductions in state support.

Also, the Division of Budget has indicated that the previous 20% withholding of certain School Aid payments from July, August and September 2020 will only be restored at 15%. This means 5% of those funds will be permanently cut.

**NYS PTA fully opposes any cut in state support for our children.**

We do appreciate the proposed reimbursement for the cost of delivering school meals and instructional materials during pandemic-related school closures in spring 2020. We also appreciate the inclusion of current law funding levels for prekindergarten, after-school programming, early college high schools, P-TECH programs, community schools, and Smart Schools Bond Act - all priorities of NYS PTA.

Mental health support for our students must be of highest priority, and we continue to be concerned about the lack of adequate and dedicated funding for mental health for our students, our educators, and their families.

**We continue to seek increases in all of these critical programs that truly support our children.**

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