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&
The Governor's Budget
Proposal for 2024-2025**



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PROPOSED STATE AID TO LI SCHOOLS

Below are Gov. Kathy Hochul's proposed state aid figures for Long Island school districts in the 2024-25 school year. The New Suffolk, Sagaponack and Wainscott districts are

not included because they are "under eight" districts — with fewer than eight teachers — that receive state aid under a different funding formula.

— COMPILED BY ARIELLE MARTINEZ AND ANASTASIA VALEEVA

SOURCE: STATE OF NEW YORK 2024-25 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

District	2024-25 Total proposed aid	2023-24 Total allotted aid	Change in total aid	% change in total aid
NASSAU				
Baldwin	\$53,602,181	\$51,230,119	\$2,372,062	4.63%
Bellmore	9,133,872	8,259,657	874,215	10.58%
Bellmore-Merrick	52,009,563	45,955,476	6,054,087	13.17%
Bethpage	24,890,117	24,036,496	853,621	3.55%
Carle Place	6,456,317	6,185,674	270,643	4.38%
East Meadow	80,409,688	74,135,197	6,274,491	8.46%
East Rockaway	9,400,714	9,388,723	11,991	0.13%
East Williston	7,676,177	7,332,203	343,974	4.69%
Elmont	39,333,270	38,755,026	578,244	1.49%
Farmingdale	47,454,239	44,796,350	2,657,889	5.93%
Floral Park-Bellerose	10,898,246	10,381,986	516,260	4.97%
Franklin Square	15,623,170	14,702,139	921,031	6.26%
Freeport	147,275,383	145,886,838	1,388,545	0.95%
Garden City	12,402,096	11,034,481	1,367,615	12.39%
Glen Cove	29,052,438	28,045,812	1,006,626	3.59%
Great Neck	15,289,918	14,751,440	538,478	3.65%
Hempstead	240,726,030	214,238,671	26,487,359	12.36%
Herricks	28,664,174	26,893,394	1,770,780	6.58%
Hewlett-Woodmere	21,976,166	21,610,618	365,548	1.69%
Hicksville	42,667,932	40,287,872	2,380,060	5.91%
Island Park	3,631,041	3,641,540	-10,499	-0.29%
Island Trees	25,546,441	24,352,605	1,193,836	4.90%
Jericho	10,818,730	10,953,500	-134,770	-1.23%
Lawrence	12,890,633	13,794,036	-903,403	-6.55%
Levittown	83,356,812	80,823,140	2,533,672	3.13%
Locust Valley	5,085,724	5,893,889	-808,165	-13.71%
Long Beach	25,135,154	28,459,417	-3,324,263	-11.68%
Lynbrook	20,753,990	20,116,952	637,038	3.17%
Malverne	20,505,082	19,613,165	891,917	4.55%
Manhasset	5,692,716	5,250,148	442,568	8.43%
Massapequa	48,355,571	46,202,764	2,152,807	4.66%
Merrick	12,365,501	10,817,554	1,547,947	14.31%
Mineola	14,982,616	15,077,368	-94,752	-0.63%
New Hyde Park-Garden City Park	11,912,975	12,172,663	-259,688	-2.13%
North Bellmore	21,660,426	20,228,205	1,432,221	7.08%
North Merrick	13,604,623	12,326,346	1,278,277	10.37%
North Shore	10,101,212	9,586,428	514,784	5.37%
Oceanside	35,147,451	35,148,238	-787	0.00%
Oyster Bay-East Norwich	3,252,127	3,771,343	-519,216	-13.77%
Plainedge	25,253,921	24,966,203	287,718	1.15%
Plainview-Old Bethpage	40,489,947	38,979,712	1,510,235	3.87%
Port Washington	20,858,822	20,986,130	-127,308	-0.61%
Rockville Centre	20,960,751	20,670,783	289,968	1.40%
Roosevelt	110,782,860	104,247,684	6,535,176	6.27%
Roslyn	12,455,214	11,305,205	1,150,009	10.17%
Seaford	20,142,428	18,595,978	1,546,450	8.32%
Sewanhaka	72,925,547	71,797,524	1,128,023	1.57%
Syosset	36,026,096	36,004,752	21,344	0.06%
Uniondale	113,883,165	108,853,371	5,029,794	4.62%
Valley Stream 13	25,395,117	22,219,488	3,175,629	14.29%
Valley Stream 24	14,668,964	13,409,683	1,259,281	9.39%
Valley Stream 30	17,718,548	16,866,804	851,744	5.05%
Valley Stream Central	64,307,579	57,545,737	6,761,842	11.75%
Wantagh	22,995,919	22,859,547	136,372	0.60%
West Hempstead	17,695,304	16,838,843	856,461	5.09%
Westbury	102,000,068	101,839,557	160,511	0.16%
SUFFOLK				
Amagansett	\$366,461	\$440,336	-\$73,875	-16.78%
Amityville	45,087,408	44,375,048	712,360	1.61%
Babylon	11,805,505	11,499,395	306,110	2.66%
Bay Shore	79,146,696	78,102,741	1,043,955	1.34%
Bayport-Blue Point	17,338,323	17,938,241	-599,918	-3.34%
Brentwood	479,559,585	463,854,210	15,705,375	3.39%

District	2024-25 Total proposed aid	2023-24 Total allotted aid	Change in total aid	% change in total aid
Bridgehampton	\$866,483	\$910,628	-\$44,145	-4.85%
Center Moriches	21,358,444	21,507,062	-148,618	-0.69%
Central Islip	208,427,283	198,490,208	9,937,075	5.01%
Cold Spring Harbor	4,495,085	4,728,027	-232,942	-4.93%
Commack	51,354,697	50,840,542	514,155	1.01%
Comsewogue	46,977,864	44,029,698	2,948,166	6.70%
Connetquot	55,006,027	55,259,485	-253,458	-0.46%
Copiapue	101,085,217	97,761,223	3,323,994	3.40%
Deer Park	50,738,920	49,643,929	1,094,991	2.21%
East Hampton	3,064,363	3,838,604	-774,241	-20.17%
East Islip	38,235,644	41,667,723	-3,432,079	-8.24%
East Moriches	6,960,328	7,436,932	-476,604	-6.41%
East Quogue	1,965,449	2,032,550	-67,101	-3.30%
Eastport-South Manor	40,620,575	40,697,514	-76,939	-0.19%
Elwood	18,282,397	17,626,917	655,480	3.72%
Fire Island	295,327	382,824	-87,497	-22.86%
Fishers Island	233,352	302,339	-68,987	-22.82%
Greenport	3,243,964	3,216,903	27,061	0.84%
Half Hollow Hills	43,937,886	42,733,170	1,204,716	2.82%
Hampton Bays	15,654,097	15,066,066	588,031	3.90%
Harborfields	20,186,232	20,328,763	-142,531	-0.70%
Hauppauge	21,751,458	20,982,333	769,125	3.67%
Huntington	33,224,777	31,488,876	1,735,901	5.51%
Islip	29,395,241	29,451,742	-56,501	-0.19%
Kings Park	18,952,171	19,754,964	-802,793	-4.06%
Lindenhurst	68,820,301	65,824,844	2,995,457	4.55%
Longwood	128,552,379	125,471,745	3,080,634	2.46%
Mattituck-Cutchogue	2,595,847	3,207,626	-611,779	-19.07%
Middle Country	119,973,262	114,650,970	5,322,292	4.64%
Miller Place	25,760,532	24,681,749	1,078,783	4.37%
Montauk	992,227	1,143,398	-151,171	-13.22%
Mount Sinai	17,978,176	18,995,210	-1,017,034	-5.35%
North Babylon	65,040,198	63,541,475	1,498,723	2.36%
Northport-East Northport	21,512,409	21,414,270	98,139	0.46%
Oysterponds	555,575	435,972	119,603	27.43%
Patchogue-Medford	99,872,354	99,270,050	602,304	0.61%
Port Jefferson	3,024,439	4,222,996	-1,198,557	-28.38%
Quogue	316,450	437,753	-121,303	-27.71%
Remsenburg-Speonk	698,109	783,554	-85,445	-10.90%
Riverhead	80,372,572	77,051,032	3,321,540	4.31%
Rocky Point	37,054,907	37,045,688	9,219	0.02%
Sachem	141,097,640	139,862,446	1,235,194	0.88%
Sag Harbor	1,807,603	2,177,493	-369,890	-16.99%
Sayville	25,676,346	28,445,849	-2,769,503	-9.74%
Shelter Island	526,563	669,050	-142,487	-21.30%
Shoreham-Wading River	17,399,957	17,341,287	58,670	0.34%
Smithtown	53,586,049	55,147,497	-1,561,448	-2.83%
South Country	57,362,803	58,018,259	-655,456	-1.13%
South Huntington	77,511,519	73,572,322	3,939,197	5.35%
Southampton	2,875,990	3,353,044	-477,054	-14.23%
Southold	1,894,197	2,162,737	-268,540	-12.42%
Springs	2,025,734	2,121,115	-95,381	-4.50%
Three Village	41,053,140	49,977,015	-8,923,875	-17.86%
Tuckahoe	931,670	1,115,456	-183,786	-16.48%
West Babylon	44,179,749	42,763,005	1,416,744	3.31%
West Islip	34,598,319	37,044,528	-2,446,209	-6.60%
Westhampton Beach	2,621,199	2,814,719	-193,520	-6.88%
William Floyd	227,672,992	218,846,293	8,826,699	4.03%
Wyandanch	90,550,928	83,072,771	7,478,157	9.00%
Nassau	\$2,018,300,766	\$1,924,124,474	\$94,176,292	4.89%
Suffolk	2,966,109,394	2,913,072,211	53,037,183	1.82%
Long Island	4,984,410,160	4,837,196,685	147,213,475	3.04%
New York City	13,300,434,186	12,958,875,429	341,558,757	2.64%
New York State	34,751,452,252	33,926,740,628	824,711,624	2.43%



2024-25 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

2023-24 AND 2024-25 AIDS PAYABLE
 UNDER SECTION 3609 PLUS OTHER AIDS

DISTRICT CODE: 580105
 DISTRICT NAME: COPIAGUE

SEE NOTE BELOW

2023-24 BASE YEAR AIDS:

FOUNDATION AID	70,552,540
FULL DAY K CONVERSION	0
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	1,669,807
BOCES	3,136,574
SPECIAL SERVICES	0
<u>HIGH COST</u> EXCESS COST	7,271,087
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	710,554
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY	79,255
SOFTWARE, LIBRARY	408,421
TRANSPORTATION INCL	9,308,844
BUILDING + BLDG REORG INCENT	2,914,107
OPERATING REORG INCENTIVE	0
CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL	0
ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	0
HIGH TAX AID	1,710,034
SUPPLEMENTAL PUB EXCESS COST	0
TOTAL	97,761,223



2024-25 ESTIMATED AIDS:

FOUNDATION AID	70,551,275
FULL DAY K CONVERSION	0
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	2,533,851
BOCES	3,643,927
SPECIAL SERVICES	0
<u>HIGH COST</u> EXCESS COST	7,147,058
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	803,770
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY	76,744
SOFTWARE, LIBRARY, TEXTBOOK	406,077
TRANSPORTATION INCL SUMMER	11,462,666
BUILDING + BLDG REORG INCENT	2,749,815
OPERATING REORG INCENTIVE	0
CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL	0
ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	0
HIGH TAX AID	1,710,034
SUPPLEMENTAL PUB EXCESS COST	0
TOTAL	101,085,217

\$ CHG 24-25 MINUS 23-24 3,323,994

% CHG TOTAL AID 3.40

\$ CHG W/O BLDG, REORG BLDG AID 3,488,286

% CHG W/O BLDG, REORG BLDG AID 3.68

The devil is always in the details!

Total School Aid	\$97,761,223	\$101,085,217	\$3,323,994	3.40%
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Using Copiague as an example, their change in total State Aid based on the Governor's proposal is an increase of 3.4% or \$3.3 million dollars.

Newsday would report this as their increase.

Most would read this and say Copiague did well when compared to the average.

But wait, this isn't giving you the accurate picture of what's happening in this district!

**2024-25 Executive Budget Estimates of General Support for Public Schools for the
Copiague Union Free School District**

	2023-24	2024-25	Change	%
Foundation Aid	\$70,552,540	\$70,551,275	(\$1,265)	0.00%
Expense-based Aids				
Building Aid	\$2,914,107	\$2,749,815	(\$164,292)	-5.64%
Transportation Aid*	\$9,308,844	\$11,462,666	\$2,153,822	23.14%
BOCES Aid	\$3,136,574	\$3,643,927	\$507,353	16.18%
Public High Cost Excess Cost Aid	\$7,271,087	\$7,147,058	(\$124,029)	-1.71%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$710,554	\$803,770	\$93,216	13.12%
Special Services Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Instructional Materials Aids				
Software Aid	\$73,223	\$72,638	(\$585)	-0.80%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$79,255	\$76,744	(\$2,511)	-3.17%
Textbook Aid	\$304,648	\$303,133	(\$1,515)	-0.50%
Library Materials Aid	\$30,550	\$30,306	(\$244)	-0.80%
Other Operating Aids				
Academic Enhancement Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Charter School Transitional Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
High Tax Aid	\$1,710,034	\$1,710,034	\$0	0.00%
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Aid for Recent Consolidations				
Operating Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Building Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Subtotal	\$96,091,416	\$98,551,366	\$2,459,950	2.56%
Aid for Early Childhood Education				
Full Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$1,669,807	\$2,533,851	\$864,044	51.75%
Total School Aid	\$97,761,223	\$101,085,217	\$3,323,994	3.40%

*Includes Summer Transportation

*Copiague actually had
foundation aid reduced!*

	2023-24	2024-25	Change	%
Foundation Aid	\$70,552,540	\$70,551,275	(\$1,265)	0.00%

Foundation Aid is considered “new” money for schools.

*“New” funds are mainly from changes in foundation aid
and increased revenue in changes to local tax levies.*

*So, with the “2%” tax cap + foundation aid change
these are the resources available to deal with inflationary
costs and other cost increases in your budget.*

*In this case there will certainly be a gap between “new”
funding and escalating costs!*

So, where are the increases totaling \$3.3 million?

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Special Services Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A

*Expense-based aids
(bills incurred in previous years being paid back this year)
increased year over year by \$2,466,070.
Again, a repayment of previous expenses and not
“new” money.*

UPK aid is very misleading

Aid for Early Childhood Education				
Full Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$1,669,807	\$2,533,851	\$864,044	51.75%

UPK funding is a grant and has ZERO impact on your general fund!

Other miscellaneous aids

Instructional Materials Aids				
Software Aid	\$73,223	\$72,638	(\$585)	-0.80%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$79,255	\$76,744	(\$2,511)	-3.17%
Textbook Aid	\$304,648	\$303,133	(\$1,515)	-0.50%
Library Materials Aid	\$30,550	\$30,306	(\$244)	-0.80%

This is a decrease in aid that should not be a surprise as these are expenses as reported by the district

So, let's do the math

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-\$4,855

Aid for Early Childhood Education				
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Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$1,669,807	\$2,533,851	\$864,044	51.75%



\$864,044

	2023-24	2024-25	Change	%
Foundation Aid	\$70,552,540	\$70,551,275	(\$1,265)	0.00%



-\$1,265

Total State Aid Increase



\$3,323,994



Foundation Aid Funding Analysis

District: COPIAGUE UFSD
County: Suffolk

	2023-24	2024-25	Change	% Change	Amount of Save-Harmless Funding (if any)
Governor's Proposal	70,552,540	70,551,275	(1,265)	0.0%	3,711

	2024-25 Current Law	2024-25 Governor's Proposal	Change from Current Law	% Change from Current Law
Current Law	71,509,020	70,551,275	(957,745)	-1.3%

	Weighted Pupils*	Property Wealth/Pupil Ratio**	Income/Pupil Ratio**	Combined Wealth Ratio**	K-6 Free and Reduced Price Eligible %	English Language Learners
2007-08	5,988	0.882	0.632	0.757	52.1%	720
2022-23	5,989	0.621	0.537	0.578	69.5%	1,000
2023-24	5,845	0.656	0.557	0.606	66.8%	1,140
2024-25	5,881	0.698	0.498	0.598	57.9%	1,300

All figures in the table directly above are those used in calculating School Aid for that year and are typically derived from a year or more prior to the calculating year (e.g., 2022-23 enrollment for 2023-24 aid)

* "Weighted Pupils" are Selected Total Foundation Pupil Units (TAPFU). TAPFU is based on Average Daily Membership with additional weights of 1.41 for students with disabilities, 0.5 for students declassified from special education, and .12 for summer school students. Districts are allowed use of the more favorable of TAPFU for the year prior to the aid year or the average of that year and the preceding year. For a fuller explanation, see pages 13 and 14 of the State Education Department's State Aid Handbook -- https://stateaid.nysed.gov/publications/handbooks/handbook_2324.pdf

** Wealth ratios are used in calculating some state aid formulas, including Foundation Aid. The ratios compare district property wealth and resident income per pupil to state averages. A ratio of 1.000 represents a district of perfectly average wealth. The lower the ratio, the poorer the district. A district with a ratio of .500 could be said to have half the wealth per pupil of an average district.

*Again, for Copiague “foundation aid” was
reduced by \$1,265!*

*When Copiague increases their tax levy
1% this generates
\$660,000 in “new” revenue.*

*If Copiague increases their levy by 2%
that is \$1,320,000 in “new” revenue
minus their cut of \$1,265 =
\$1,318,735 in “new” revenue.*

*If they received the \$957,745 under current
law this would equate to
1.37% on their local tax levy.*

So, why the decrease? The answer could be due to reserves!

These were the quotes from an online Newsday article on 1/16/24:

The Hochul administration made the decision based on the amount of reserves and surpluses that many moderate- and lower-needs school districts have.

Washington said the aid proposals were based on traditional factors of enrollment and community wealth and others — which normally would drive aid to rise or fall but for the hold harmless approach.

“The more and more districts that end up on the hold harmless list, you have less to pay for districts that have high needs or increases in enrollment,” Washington said. “We’re trying to raise a dialogue of what is necessary from the state, what is necessary from the district.”

The very last quote is of concern and worth noting.

This would indicate the desire to once again shift cost of public education from the State paying their *constitutional obligation* and shifting it onto local property taxes.

*Here is another reason foundation aid
was reduced:*

*The Governor's budget proposal changed
the inflationary factor in the formula!*

The original formula takes the last 12-month average of the CPI index to calculate the inflation factor. For 2023 this would have made the factor
3.9%

They changed it to a 10-year average of CPI which resulted in the inflation factor now being
2.4%

This change and removing save harmless, lowered the foundation aid increase by over \$420 million dollars!

2023-2024 Final Adopted Budget State Aid					
	Nassau Cty	Suffolk Cty	LI totals	NYC	NYS totals
Foundation Aid	\$ 1,352,037,217	\$ 2,133,486,708	\$ 3,485,523,925	\$ 9,467,651,339	\$ 23,998,878,704
Full day K Conversion	\$ -		\$ -		
Universal Pre-K	\$ 55,442,138	\$ 67,779,111	\$ 123,221,249	\$ 550,858,443	\$ 1,077,588,258
BOCES + Special Services	\$ 122,150,855	\$ 109,437,054	\$ 231,587,909	\$ 161,112,603	\$ 1,479,092,958
High Cost Excess Cost	\$ 36,132,236	\$ 82,168,440	\$ 118,300,676	\$ 234,203,219	\$ 574,749,672
Private Excess Cost	\$ 24,510,960	\$ 23,185,023	\$ 47,695,983	\$ 156,757,774	\$ 438,110,697
Hardware & Technology	\$ 2,239,915	\$ 2,867,511	\$ 5,107,426	\$ 10,289,861	\$ 33,799,069
Software, Library, Textbook	\$ 17,405,545	\$ 18,113,537	\$ 35,519,082	\$ 91,909,870	\$ 220,461,474
Transportation Incl Summer	\$ 139,678,993	\$ 221,617,880	\$ 361,296,873	\$ 725,254,036	\$ 2,395,011,028
Operating Reorg Incentive	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,023,009
Charter School Transitional	\$ 18,954,911	\$ 3,063,114	\$ 22,018,025		\$ 53,121,966
Academic Enhancement	\$ 2,520,255	\$ 3,475,384	\$ 5,995,639	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 28,271,832
High Tax Aid	\$ 58,664,701	\$ 88,071,045	\$ 146,735,746		\$ 223,298,324
Supplemental Pub Excess Cost	\$ 587,401	\$ 1,232,000	\$ 1,819,401		\$ 4,313,167
			\$ -		
Building + Bldg Reorg Incentive	\$ 93,799,347	\$ 158,575,404	\$ 252,374,751	\$ 1,559,638,284	\$ 3,397,020,470
Total Aid	\$ 1,924,124,474	\$ 2,913,072,211	\$ 4,837,196,685	\$ 12,958,875,429	\$ 33,926,740,628
2024-2025 Governor's Budget Proposed State Aid					
	Nassau Cty	Suffolk Cty	LI totals	NYC	NYS Totals
Foundation Aid	\$ 1,407,233,786	\$ 2,155,996,060	\$ 3,563,229,846	\$ 9,689,961,741	\$ 24,505,958,574
Full day K Conversion	\$ -		\$ -		
Universal Pre-K	\$ 70,170,366	\$ 76,143,714	\$ 146,314,080	\$ 550,858,443	\$ 1,176,935,356
BOCES + Special Services	\$ 115,755,996	\$ 120,658,899	\$ 236,414,895	\$ 160,327,968	\$ 1,509,255,145
High Cost Excess Cost	\$ 57,166,399	\$ 84,630,104	\$ 141,796,503	\$ 233,145,117	\$ 649,806,162
Private Excess Cost	\$ 25,932,004	\$ 25,113,917	\$ 51,045,921	\$ 155,161,010	\$ 455,545,952
Hardware & Technology	\$ 2,269,225	\$ 2,762,947	\$ 5,032,172	\$ 10,771,454	\$ 34,255,498
Software, Library, Textbook	\$ 17,869,959	\$ 18,464,477	\$ 36,334,436	\$ 88,805,836	\$ 220,848,101
Transportation Incl Summer	\$ 151,759,687	\$ 236,258,283	\$ 388,017,970	\$ 731,883,729	\$ 2,543,463,387
Operating Reorg Incentive	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 2,365,932
Charter School Transitional	\$ 18,480,049	\$ 4,755,517	\$ 23,235,566	\$ -	\$ 58,125,350
Academic Enhancement	\$ 2,520,255	\$ 3,475,384	\$ 5,995,639	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 28,271,832
High Tax Aid	\$ 58,664,701	\$ 88,071,045	\$ 146,735,746	\$ -	\$ 223,298,324
Supplemental Pub Excess Cost	\$ 587,401	\$ 1,232,000	\$ 1,819,401	\$ -	\$ 4,313,167
Building + Bldg Reorg Incentive	\$ 89,890,938	\$ 148,547,047	\$ 238,437,985	\$ 1,678,318,888	\$ 3,349,009,472
Total Aid	\$ 2,018,300,766	\$ 2,966,109,394	\$ 4,984,410,160	\$ 13,300,434,186	\$ 34,761,452,252
\$ Increase in State Aid	\$ 94,176,292	\$ 53,037,183	\$ 147,213,475	\$ 341,558,757	\$ 834,711,624
% increase in State Aid	4.89%	1.82%	3.04%	2.64%	2.46%
Total \$ increase in foundation aid	\$ 55,196,569	\$ 22,509,352	\$ 77,705,921	\$ 222,310,402	\$ 507,079,870
Total % increase in foundation aid	4.08%	1.06%	2.23%	2.35%	2.11%

How much foundation aid was lost on Long Island for the districts who saw a reduction?

County	Total aid reductions
Nassau	\$10,969,351
Suffolk	\$32,786,141
Totals	\$43,755,492

What talking points should you develop?

- How much are in your reserves, both designated and undesignated? Are you over the 4% allowable? If you are be aware of it, be honest about it. You may have a plan to address this.
- How much has your enrollment changed over the last 10 years? How have you shifted your budget expenses to accommodate for the change?
- How has your district demographics changed over the last 5-10 years?
- How has student needs in your district changed post covid? (mental health, school attendance, learning loss remediation, as examples)
- Know your district's story! Highlight successes, express areas you are working to improve and explain how the resources will be invested.
- Work closely with your superintendent and governance team to develop the talking points and advocacy strategy. "No lone wolf approaches."

So, what are the budget advocacy asks?

- ✓ Full restoration of “save harmless”
- ✓ Moderate minimum increases guarantee for all districts “off formula”
- ✓ Restore inflationary calculation for true full funding of foundation aid (Last 12 months of CPI instead of 10 year average)
- ✓ Allocate funds to the State Education Department to conduct full study on how to reform the foundation aid formula
- ✓ Urge our lawmakers to work with their colleagues in regions where they are being impacted by this proposal in a similar way

Be cautious of the following:

- When speaking with your state officials, they may ask you to participate in a rally or a press conference.
- Since the budget issue is “geopolitical” be cautious of participating in a rally or press conference that appears “partisan.”
- Make sure letters sent to the Governor or quotes to the media are factual and direct and not inflamed or “over the top.”
- This proposal is the **first step** in the process and could be a “tactic” the Governor is using for negotiations with the legislature.



Thank You & Good Night!



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