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**NYSSBA State Budget Analysis
Webinar**

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NYS Budget Summary

- Includes an aid “restoration” of \$230 million of Governor Cuomo’s proposed cut of \$1.5 billion;
- Makes the \$1.2 billion reduction the largest total cut in the state’s history;
- Constitutes third straight year of reduced state aid.

NYS Budget Summary

- State budget reduces state spending by 2% overall;
- Reduction in education aid equals nearly 7%.



NYS Budget Summary

- Aid restorations will be distributed by geographic region –
 - Each region (New York City, Long Island, Upstate), restorations distributed according to wealth & size of district
 - Upstate schools – cut reduced by \$134 million
 - Long Island schools - \$45 million restored



NYS Budget Summary

Preserved –

- Both school districts and BOCES authorized to use excess EBALR (unused sick and vacation time) reserve funds to offset the aid reduction;
- Districts will be able to receive aidable non instructional BOCES services;



NYS Budget Summary

Preserved –

- Building aid will not be changed to a competitive program;
- Transportation, BOCES and special education aid formulas;



NYS Budget Summary

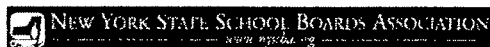
Preserved –

- 90% of costs of special education summer school & pupil costs for blind, deaf and severely disabled remain state's responsibility
 - districts will still be reimbursed 90%, with 50% supplied in the same year the service is provided;
 - full amount of \$98 million would be appropriate for use this year.



NYS Budget Summary

New York State has a legitimate two year school aid funding formula, with an \$800 million increase schedule for next year.



NYS Budget Summary

Rejected the following proposed cost shifts –

- change the BOCES aid formula to the same one used for Foundation Aid;
- special education summer school costs to local districts;
- permanently shift \$86 million in special education costs to local districts.



NYS Budget Summary

Under the plan –

- “reimbursable aids” or “expense driven aids” such as BOCES, Building Aid, Transportation Aid and Special Education Aid allowed to run according to their current formulae;
- total aid increasing \$315 million;



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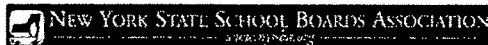
- education aid limited next year to the state percentage of growth in personal income (about 4⁰% this year);
- legislature pledged to fund an increase of \$800 million in education aid allowed under the cap next year;



NYS Budget Summary

Under the plan -

- competitive grants for school administrative efficiency or proven academic progress still being negotiated;
- school lunch program would receive an increase of \$800,000;
- payments to charter schools frozen at 2010-11 FY;



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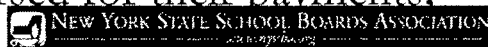
- adult literacy, bilingual education, library aid, universal pre-k and teacher centers all restored at prior levels;
- computer hardware, software and textbook aids combined to provide districts with greater flexibility in prioritizing instructional purchases;



NYS Budget Summary

Under the plan -

- school districts already obligated to projects utilizing reorganizational building aid would be funded;
- \$7 million provided to pay for Regents examinations (half of the cost of its own testing);
- MTA tax remains intact, but districts will be reimbursed for their payments;



NYS Budget Summary

Under the plan –

- September lottery aid payment will be paid before the last day of the month; per pupil allocation will be weighted, based on the district's foundation aid;
- Penalties for “transportation inefficiencies” were rejected, as were requirements to replace buses before their replacement is aidable.



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Unclear Issue –

- whether arbitration requirements for districts at impasse over new teacher and principal evaluation methods are part of the agreement.



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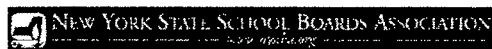
Overall -

- even with restoration of \$272 million, still experience a budget cut of \$1.2 billion;
- on-time state budget will allow school districts to plan their own budgets.



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- A NYSSBA survey released last week found school districts are planning mass layoffs, larger classes, depletion of reserve funds, school closings and, unfortunately, tax increases (see NYSSBA website);
- NYSSBA will soon propose a legislative reform package to help schools control costs.



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