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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Summary of the 2017-18 Enacted Budget

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SFY 2017-2018 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET **Overview**

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo presented his 2017-2018 Executive Budget in Albany on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. He previewed his budget proposals for SFY 2017-2018 in six regional State of the State speeches delivered around the State the prior week, a departure from the traditional practice of a “Message to the Legislature” delivered at the State Capitol. In another break from past practice, Governor Cuomo and administration officials presented their budget plan in separate closed briefings to Assembly and Senate lawmakers at the Executive Mansion, followed by a broadcast of a presentation to reporters that evening.

In the 11 weeks since issuance of his SFY 2017-2018 Executive Budget, lawmakers in the Senate and Assembly have held joint budget hearings on various areas of the Governor’s proposed budget, and later reached agreements on available revenue. Both houses introduced and passed their “one-house” budgets, setting forth their priorities for a new state budget.

In recent days, Assembly and Senate leaders and Governor Cuomo have worked round-the-clock to achieve final agreements. “Leaders’ meetings” – comprised of Governor Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and Senate Independent Conference Leader Jeff Klein – have convened frequently, and bargaining sessions of legislative and executive staff have been ongoing. Negotiations on major provisions of the budget plan proved difficult, complicated perhaps by uncertainty over potential actions by the Trump Administration and Congress that could affect Federal funding to the State, as well as a proposal to raise the age of criminal responsibility

The constitutional deadline for a new state budget passed on Saturday, April 1 and lawmakers approved two budget “extenders” on Monday, April 3.

Negotiations on budget bills were ongoing thereafter and revised budget bills introduced and passed both houses during the last week. On the evening of April 7, Governor Cuomo that he and lawmakers had agreed upon a new state budget, totaling approximately \$162 billion (all funds).

Highlights of the budget accord include the following:

Education – The new budget increases school aid by \$1.1 billion (4.4 percent over 2016-2017), to now total \$25.8 billion. The plan also increases Foundation Aid by \$700 million.

Economic Development – The enacted budget allocates \$400 million in capital funding to the \$500 million Buffalo Billion Phase II. Buffalo Billion Phase II will focus on revitalization and smart growth efforts, improvements to workforce development and job training, growing advanced manufacturing, tourism and life sciences, and community rail expansion.

The new budget also includes reforms to the State’s Workers Compensation system, to provide cost savings for businesses and better protections for injured workers. The reforms aim to ensure that significantly injured workers be considered for lifetime benefits and access to hearings for injured workers not receiving benefits, establish a new formulary for prescription drugs, and provide relief for first responders exposed to a traumatic event. Along with expanded worker protections, businesses will see overall savings, to bring cost relief to municipal and private employers.

The budget also appropriates \$700 million for the development of the Moynihan Train Hall and renovations to Penn Station in New York City.

Environment – The SFY 2017-2018 Budget establishes the “Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017,” a \$2.5 billion program to support mitigation and remediation efforts of public drinking water supplies from emerging contaminants and solid waste sites. The Act will also fund capital construction of public water infrastructure statewide. The budget allocates \$725 million this year, for a total of \$2.5 billion over the next five years.

Federal Funding Response Plan – In the face of potential cuts of federal funding to New York in coming months, lawmakers have agreed to a process to adjust spending in case of a significant loss of federal aid. If federal support is reduced by \$850 million or more, the Division of the Budget will develop a plan to make uniform spending reductions. This plan would take effect automatically unless the Legislature passes an alternative within 90 days.

Higher Education – The budget enacts the “Excelsior Scholarship Program” to make college affordable at SUNY and CUNY two- and four-year colleges for working- and middle-class families. The program would provide free tuition to families making up to \$125,000 per year.

Phased in over three years, the new initiative commences for families making up to \$100,000 annually in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and \$125,000 in 2019.

Local Government Efficiency and Shared Services – Governor Cuomo secured an agreement on his proposal to compel each county to assemble local governments, to seek efficiencies and taxpayer savings. The budget requires counties to convene public hearings and comment periods as part of the development of “shared services plans.”

Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility - The enacted budget raises the age of criminal responsibility to 18-years-old. New York was previously one of only two states in the nation that treat all 16- and 17-year-olds in the criminal justice system as adults, no matter their offense. Housing younger offenders in adult facilities or jails would no longer be permitted.

Ride Hailing - The new budget authorizes “Transportation Network Companies” (TNC) - such as Uber and Lyft - to operate throughout New York and creates uniform licensing standards. The Department of Motor Vehicles will have broad oversight of ridesharing companies.

We have summarized below the major provisions included in the areas of Lower Education below.

LOWER EDUCATION

Overview

For the 2017-18 school year the final budget provides \$25.8 billion in school aid. This amount represents a year-to-year increase of \$1.1 billion (4.4% increase).

- **Foundation Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates an additional \$700 million to support the Foundation Aid.
- **Pre-Kindergarten.**
 - **New Pre-Kindergarten Funding.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates a new \$5 million to expand pre-kindergarten programs across the state, prioritizing high-need districts without programs. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Early College High Schools.**
 - The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.465 million to support the continuation of early college high school programs. (S2000D/A3000D)

- The 2017-18 final Budget appropriates a new \$5.3 million to expand Early College High Schools to include education and employment opportunities with the tech sector; focusing on computer science education. This investment should create at least ten new schools. (S2009C/A3009C)

New and Expanded Initiatives

- **Advanced Placement Fees.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$2 million to offset the costs of advanced placement fees for economically disadvantaged students. This is an expansion of \$1.5 million. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **New After School Slots.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$35 million to create 22,000 new after school slots in sixteen Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative cities. Funds shall be awarded via competitive grant for extended day programs. It is anticipated that this investment will increase the number of spots in these communities by 36%. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Expand Master Teacher Program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates a new \$2 million to support approximately 115 computer science teachers. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Empire State Excellence in Teaching Awards (2nd Round).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$400,000 to support a second round of Excellence in Teaching awards estimated at supporting at least 60 new teachers. Awards shall be determined on a regional basis. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Protect Education of Homeless Children.** The 2017-18 final budget proposes language to align NYS's laws with federal McKinney-Vento Act and further protect homeless children's access to education. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Cyberbullying Prevention.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$300,000 to support a campaign against cyberbullying and safe school environments. In addition, school counselors will be provided training and technical assistance on cyberbullying and interventions. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **East Ramapo School District.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1 million to support services to improve and enhance educational opportunities for students attending the public school, including reducing class size, expanding academics and expanding kindergarten. Funds are contingent upon consultation with the school district monitor. An additional \$2 million is provided to support the East Ramapo School District. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Receiver/Persistently Failing School.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$2 million to support receivers appointed to manage and operate a failing school or persistently failing school. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Specialized High Schools.** The 2017-18 final budget includes language requiring the Office of the Chancellor of NYC Department of Education to notify students who receive a score of "advanced" in seventh grade opportunities associated with admission to specialized high schools. (S2009C/A3009C)

- **Community School Technical Assistance.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.2 million to support regional technical assistance centers for community schools for the 2017-18 school year. Not-for-profits with expertise in community schools are eligible to operate such centers. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Preschool Special Education Methodology.** The 2017-18 final budget includes language directing NYS Education Department to develop for approval by the Division of the Budget a new tuition methodology to support preschool integrated special class programs by April 2018. (S2009C/A3009C)

Formula & Expense Based Aid

- **Formula Aids.** The 2017-18 final budget appears to fully fund reimbursement and expense based aids.
- **Special Academic Improvement Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$20.4 million for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year for grants up to \$12 million. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Targeted Pre-Kindergarten.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.303 million for the remaining obligations for the 2016-17 school year for the operation of targeted pre-kindergarten programs and support for 2017-18 school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Nonpublic School Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$108.38 million for 2017-18 FY. An additional \$72.6 million is appropriated for the payment of 2015-16 SY. Additional Academic Intervention assistance in the amount of \$922,000 is available for nonpublic schools based on a plan to be developed by the Commissioner of Education. Finally, an appropriation of \$15 million is available for safety equipment (only \$4.5 million available prior to 4/1/2018). An additional \$5 million is appropriated to support STEM program. An additional \$7 million is appropriated to support the State School Immunization Program for the 2016-17 school year. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Small Government Assistance to School Districts.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1,868,000 for assistance pursuant to subdivision 7 of section 3641 of the education law. This funding is provided to school district impacted by assessment reductions resulting from a forest land management program. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **School Health Services Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$23.528 million (FY) for school health service grants for the 2017-18 school year. The grants shall apply to city school districts in a city having a population in excess of 125,000 and less than 1,000,000 inhabitants. A total of \$13.84 million is available for each school year. This represents level funding. An additional \$1.2 million is available for the 2017-18 school year for both Buffalo City School District and Rochester City School District. (S2000D/A3000D)

- **Fiscal Stabilization Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$45.068 million for fiscal stabilization grants to school districts based on a plan submitted by the Commissioner of Education and approved by the Division of the Budget; of which NYC DOE shall be eligible for \$26.404 million. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **“Say Yes to Education Program”.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$350,000 (FY) for the Syracuse City School District for the “Say Yes to Education Program”. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

Contract for Excellence

- **Contract for Excellence.** The 2017-18 final budget continues the requirement that all school districts currently in the Contracts for Excellence program would remain in the program unless all of the school buildings in the school district are reported as “In Good Standing” for purposes of the State accountability system. (S2009D/A3009D)

Capital Construction & Other Grants

- **School Bus Driver Training Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$680,000 FY for school bus driver training grants to school districts and BOCES for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. No more than \$400,000 shall be available from the fiscal year to support the 2017-18 school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

Special Education

- **Summer School Special Education (4408 programs).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$364.5 million FY to meet the State’s share of summer school programs for school age students with disabilities. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **State-Supported Private Schools for the Blind and Deaf.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$96.2 million for the support of students attending state supported schools for the blind and deaf. This is a slight reduction as a result of reduced debt service. Up to \$84.7 million of the appropriation is available to school districts for the tuition costs of students attending a state supported school; \$2.5 million is available for debt service and the remaining \$9 million is available for remaining allowable purposes, such as the education of deaf children under the age of 3 years and residential facilities. An additional \$4.6 million is available for the 2017-18 school year to support the schools directly. An additional \$2.3 million is appropriated to support the schools. An additional \$903,000 was provided for both NY School for the Deaf and the Henry Viscardi School. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Building Aid for Special Act School Districts.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$4.59 (FY) for payments to the dormitory authority on behalf of eligible special act school districts for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

- **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at SUNY Albany.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$740,000 for this program. An additional \$500,000 is also provided. Another \$500,000 is allocated and supported by Federal IDEA discretionary funds. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Education of Youth Incarcerated.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$27.2 million (FY) for the education of youth incarcerated in county correctional facilities pursuant to subdivision 12 of section 3602 of the education law for 2017-8 and 2018-19 school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Fostering Youth Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.5 million to support post-secondary opportunity to foster youth at public and independent colleges and universities, including summer transition programs. An additional \$3 million was provided to support this program. This represents an increase of \$1.5 million. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **OMH & OPWDD Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$103.7 million (FY) for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year for the education of students who reside in a school operated by the Office of mental Health or Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Minimum Wage Support.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$6.2 million to support direct salary costs and related fringe benefits associated with any minimum wage increase impacting special acts, 853 schools, 4201 schools and preschool special education programs. (S2000D/A3000D)

Pre-school Special Education

- **Preschool Special Education (4410 programs).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.03 billion to meet the State's share of preschool programs for students with disabilities. (S2000D/A3000D)

Charter Schools

- **Technical Assistance and Start-Up Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$4.837 million for Technical Assistance and Start-Up Grants for Charter Schools. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **Charter School Stimulus Account.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$40 million for the 2017-18 and 2018-17 school year for services and expenses related to the development, implementation and operation of charter schools, including facility costs and loans. These funds also support the administration and technical support provided by the Charter School Institute of SUNY. This allocation is supported by the Special Revenue Fund. Charter School Stimulus Fund. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **Charter School Supplemental Basic Tuition.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$64 million to reimburse school districts for 2016-17 made to charter schools. (S2000D/A3000D)

General Programs

- **My Brother's Keeper Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$18 million FY (\$20 m school year) to support this initiative. This represents level funding. \$800,000 was provided to support the Office of Family and Community Engagement. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **State Office of Religious and Independent Schools.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$800,000 million to support this new office. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **State Monitors.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$225,000 to the NYS Education Department in support of state monitors.
 - **Standardized Assessments.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$8.4 million eliminate state-alone multiple choice field test and release additional test questions pursuant to a plan prepared by the Commissioner and approved by the Division of the Budget. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Extended Day/School Violence.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$24.344 million (FY) for extended day/school safety programs. This represents level funding.
 - **21st Century Learning Centers.** The 2017-18 final budget continues the Federal support of the 21st Century Learning Centers programs which provide academic enrichment outside the regular school hours to high-poverty and low-performing schools through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and No Child Left Behind account. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- School Lunch and Breakfast Program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$34.4 million (FY) to supplement Federal support for the provision of free and reduced-priced meals to low-income students. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Summer Food Program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$3.049 million (FY) in State funds is available to supplement Federal support for provisions of free and reduced-priced meals to low-income students. This represents level funding. The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$40 million to support grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions. (S2009C/A3009C)
 - **Mentoring and Tutoring Program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$490,000 (FY) for mentoring and tutoring operated by Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection program which is based on model programs proven to be effective. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
 - **Children of Migrant Workers.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$89,000 (FY) for this program. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **New York Center for School Safety.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$466,000 (FY) for the expenses of the New York Center for School Safety. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D))

- **Health Education Program (AIDS).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$691,000 (FY) for services and expenses of the health education program which shall include instruction and support services in comprehensive health education and immune deficiency syndrome. \$86,000 shall be made available to a program previously operated as the school health demonstration program. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Primary Mental Health Project.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$894,000 (FY) for expenses related to the Primary Mental Health Project at the Children's Institute. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Just for Kids program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$235,000 (FY) for this program. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **Learning Technology Programs.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$5.585 million for 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years for school districts and BOCES for funding of approved learning technology programs. Funds shall not exceed \$3,285 million each school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1 million (FY) for this program. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **Rural Education Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$5 million from Federal funds in support of this program. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C)

School Leaders & Teacher Assistance Initiatives

- **Teacher Mentor Intern Programs.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$3.4 million (FY) for the Teacher-Mentor Intern program for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. No more than \$2 million shall be available in each school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Teachers for Tomorrow.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates a total of \$42.5 million (FY) (or \$25 million school year) for the Teacher of Tomorrow program for 2017-18 and 2018-19. \$5 million shall be available for a program to be developed by the commissioner to attract qualified teachers in STEM areas. \$5 million shall be available to the Yonkers City School District and Syracuse City School district in support of STEM qualified teachers. Up to \$5 million shall be made available as grants to colleges and universities to recruit and train STEM teachers. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$368,000 (FY) for this certification grant program. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

- **Teacher Resource and Computer Center.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$4,278,000 to pay for the remaining obligations for 2016-17 FY. An additional \$14 million was provided to support the 2017-18 school year. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Teacher Opportunity Corps Program.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$450,000 for teacher opportunity program awards. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

Math & Science Initiatives

- **Math and Science High Schools.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$1.382 million (FY) for Math and Science High Schools, such as the Tech Valley High School, Bard College the City of Rochester school district. An additional \$461,000 is provided to support the Bard High School Early College in Queens for the 2017-18 school year. (S2000D/A3000D)

Literacy, Adult & Cultural Education Initiatives

- **Bilingual Education/English Language Learners.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$10.850 million (FY) for Bilingual Education grants available during 2017-18 (SY). No more than \$15.5 million is available for the school year. This grant initiative supports programs which include technical assistance centers, two-way Bilingual classrooms, and intensive Bilingual teacher training and leadership programs. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Adult Literacy Education Program (ALE).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$7,293,000 for the 2017-18 (FY) for the Adult Literacy Education Program. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Employment Preparation Education Aid (EPE).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$192 million for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year (\$96 million per FY) for the Employee Preparation Education Aid (EPE). [\$13 million is set aside in support of the Consortium of Worker Education.] This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C) (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Consortium for Worker Education (CWE).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$13 million for the Consortium for Worker Education Funding for this program is withheld from the Employee Preparation Education Aid. This represents level funding. (S2009C/A3009C) (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Aid for Public Libraries.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$95.627 million for aid public libraries, including aid to New York Public Library (NYPL) and NYPL's science industry and business library. This represents level funding. An additional \$1.3 million is available for reimbursement of costs associated with the payment of the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax is available. An appropriation of \$5.4 million is available for library technology. (S2009C/A3009C)
- **Literacy and Basic Education for Public Assistance Recipients.** The 2017-18 final budget \$1,843,000 for this program. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)

- **Public TV and Radio.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$14 million (FY) to educational television and radio. This represents a decrease of \$500,000. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Documentary Heritage Grant.** The 2017-18 final budget newly appropriates \$461,000 to support eligible archives, libraries, historical societies, museums, and other organizations. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$250,000 to support this research. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center of Queens Library.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$75,000 to support this research. (S2000D/A3000D)

Native American Education

- **Native American Building Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$8.5 million (FY) for building aid for school districts educating pupils residing on Indian reservations for 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Native American Post-Secondary Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$598,000 (FY) for awards to eligible students for post-secondary aid. This represents level funding. (S2000D/A3000D))
- **Native American School Aid.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$78.545 million (FY) for support of Native American students in public school districts for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Native American Contract.** The 2017-18 final budget includes language that restricts the contracting of the education of Native American children with any school district for such education for a period up to ten years. (S2009C/A3009C)

Additional Aid Categories

- **Additional Grants (Senate).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$40 million to support grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Additional Grants (Assembly).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$540,000 to support grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions. (S2000D/A3000D)
- **Additional Grants (Senate #2).** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$18,579 million to support grants in aid to certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions. (S2000D/A3000D)

- **National History Day.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$125,000 to support the expenses related to National History Day. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Supplemental Value Grants.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$5.5 million to support these grants which provide additional funding for school districts with significant financial hardship due to changes in taxable property. [\$4 million for North Rockland, \$500,000 for Panama Central School District, \$400,000 for Fort Edward Central School District, \$300,000 for Liverpool Central School District, and \$300,00 for New Hartford Central School District.] (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **New York City Community Learning School Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$500,000 to support this initiative. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison BOCES New Technology Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$200,000 to support this initiative. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Executive Leadership Institute.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$475,000 to support this Institute. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Humanities New York.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$200,000 to support this program. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **Consortium for Workforce Credential Initiative.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriates \$250,000 to support this initiative. (S2000D/A3000D)
 - **NYSED Data System.** The 2017-18 final budget appropriate \$2 million to support a new data system for the Office of Facility Management and Rate Setting/Special Education Unit. (S2004D/A3004D)
 - **Smart Schools Reporting.** The 2017-18 final budget requires all new smart schools proposal submitted by public school districts to include information regarding a technology loan plan with nonpublic schools.
 - **Grants for Hiring Teachers.** The 2017-18 final budget includes language to provide for reimbursement to nonpublic schools for the hiring of certain teachers in the STEM areas.
 - **NYSED Preschool Reporting.** The 2017-18 final budget includes language requiring the NYS Education Department to report of demographics related to universal prekindergarten program, including information about students participating in the program who have an IEP.
 - **Expanding the State and Municipal Facility Program (SAM).** The 2017-18 final budget expands the SAM program to include 4201 schools, 853 schools and special act public school districts. (S2004D/A3004D)
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What's next? There are 10 separate pieces of legislation comprising the budget package for SFY 2017-2018. Each bill must pass both houses and be enacted into law in order to take effect. Governor Cuomo is likely to approve each bill soon after passage by the Senate and Assembly.

The 2017-2018 state fiscal year began April 1, 2017.