

Foundation Aid Increase Survey - Foundation Aid Increase**Background/Instructions**

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Background and InstructionsBackground

Section 10-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, requires school districts receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 to create plans on how these funds will be used to address student performance and need. These plans are required in advance of the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years. This is the final year that this requirement is in effect. Plans for the 2023-24 school year must be completed, submitted to the department, and posted to district websites by July 1, 2023.

Each district subject to this requirement is required to:

- Seek public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders;
- Take public comments into account in the development of the plan;
- Include an analysis of public comments within the plan;
- Describe in the plan how the foundation aid increase will be used, including portions of the increase used to address the priority areas identified by law;
- Post the plan on the district website; and
- Submit the plan to the State Education Department in a form prescribed by the Department to be posted publicly.

This requirement does not replace any requirements under Contracts for Excellence. If your district is required to submit a contract for excellence, more information is available at this page.

The list of school districts that are required to submit a plan aligned with the increase in foundation aid may be found in the "*Foundation Aid Increase Notification Guidance*" memo located in the *Documents* library at the lower left of the application. It should be noted that this requirement does not obligate districts to spend additional foundation aid funds in specific ways, but does require district seek public comment and share plans on how they intend to spend these additional funds. Plans are required to cover only the foundation aid *increase*. The plan should *not* cover how the district intends to use its *entire* foundation aid amount. Describe in the plan how the foundation aid increase will be used, along with key goals, metrics, or ratios, and the community feedback reflected for portions of the increase used to address any of the following priority areas, as well as any additional areas identified by the district:

1. Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap;
2. Reducing class sizes;
3. Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas;
4. Addressing student social-emotional health;
5. Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities; and students experiencing homelessness;

Instructions

- The *Foundation Aid Increase Survey* is due by July 1, 2023.
- Districts must complete all sections and are required to answer questions marked with a red asterisk. If a required question has not been completed, the business portal will highlight it in red and the section of the application will be flagged. The district will be unable to submit the application to NYSED for final review if a required question remains unresolved.
- The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the district. The designated superintendent or the chief executive officer, or board of trustees president are the only administrators with the submit/certify rights necessary to successfully submit and certify a completed application for NYSED review.
- Districts are NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of survey materials to the Department.

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Use of Foundation Aid Increase

1. Please describe how the district plans to utilize funds provided by the foundation aid increase in the following priority areas.
If these funds will not be used for one of the priority areas listed below, please respond with "N/A."

	Key Goals, Metrics, or Ratios (250 words or less)	Community Feedback Reflected (250 words or less)	New Foundation Aid Funds to Support Initiative (\$)
Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap	Improve 4 year graduation rates is always a priority. Currently at 95%, but always looking to increase that percentage.	Community values graduation of students. 95% of students graduating in four years is great, but we are always looking to improve. Full support of the community.	\$317,481
Reducing class sizes	Maintained all current teachers. Without the increase in foundation aid, teachers would be cut, which would have lead to increase in class sizes throughout the district.	Community is always looking for reduction in class sizes.	\$476,221
Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas	Academic intervention support teachers in grades K-8, additional support in the writing center for grades 9-12 have been maintained with the additional foundation aid. There has been a focus on reading in the elementary grades. Goals are to increase proficiency in all subject areas with a particular focus on reading.	Support from the community for these positions has been very positive. To know that they were being maintained, the community was grateful.	\$952,442
Addressing student social-emotional health	Additional social worker has been included in the budget. This was originally a hire with COVID funds, but has now been included in the general fund budget. Will help address students social-emotional health throughout the year.	Again, the community welcomes additional support for students social-emotional health. We will continue to add more support in the coming years if the need continues to present itself.	\$158,740
Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	We have partnered with some of the ELL teachers to host events for families that English is not their first language. We provide transportation for these events as well. We will continue to provide even more events this upcoming school year.	Community is always in support of providing additional resources for any families or students that need it.	\$158,740

2. Please use the chart below to describe 'Other' priority areas not otherwise addressed in Item #1. Click on "Add Row" as applicable for additional priority areas.

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Priority Area	Key Goals, Metrics, or Ratios (250 words or less)	Community Feedback Reflected (250 words or less)	New Foundation Aid Funds to Support Initiative (\$)
(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)

Use of Foundation Aid Increase (Cont.)

3. **Please describe your analysis of public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on the plan. This analysis should include the approach to outreach that was implemented and common recommendations or suggestions. For recommendations not reflected in the plan above, what limitations or rationale led to the decision to not include? (250 words or less)**

Public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders of this plan were taken into consideration when deciding what we would be able to provide to our students. The common thread among all stakeholders was that we needed to provide additional resources to those in need. The biggest concerns were the social emotional health of students and the supports for students who were in danger of not meeting the state standards. We focused are a large majority of the funds to additional supports for students. This includes academic intervention supports for all grade levels. The addition of a social worker will assist in addressing the social emotional health of students throughout the year. The community has always shown their support for families and students that may be struggling and they overwhelmingly supported the District with allocating these funds towards these types of resources.