

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 Survey

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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	The High School has a Graduation Rate goal of 90%.	The Graduation Rate of 90% was arrived at based on community feedback.	\$342,000
Reducing class sizes	Student to Teacher Ratios shall be kept below average in several key areas.	Keeping class sizes small was the number two priority in the community survey.	\$778,477
Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas	The goal is to have 75% of students K-12 meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by i-Ready and NWEA.	Providing supports for struggling students was the number one priority in the community survey.	\$449,485
Addressing student social-emotional health	Our goal is to have a 5% increase in how well students manage their emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations as measured by the Panorama Survey.	Providing supports for struggling students was the number one priority in the community survey. This included social and emotional supports. The community additionally ranked student health and safety as a top priority.	\$610,189
Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	The District will be 100% compliant with all Individualized Education Plans and provide the supports needed for our Special Education Students. We additionally have a goal of decreasing the Kindergarten class from 70% of the students needing speech therapy to 10% by 4th grade.	The community responded that the quality of education programs overall was their top reason for being supportive of the District.	\$661,964

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.

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 (\$)
Providing extra-curricular and athletic opportunities for students.	Increased participation rate of students in extra-curricular activities and athletics.	The community ranked providing extra-curricular and athletic opportunities for students as their third priority.	135,180
Providing challenging courses to high achieving students.	Increase the number of students enrolled in AP courses.	The community ranked providing challenging courses to high achieving students as their fourth priority.	85,321

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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)**

On August 2, 2022, the District held it's annual Blueprint Day, where parents, staff, board members and the community are all invited to come and participate and provide feedback on the Districts Strategic Plan. The Facilitator tracks the input provided and the assists the Administration in incorporating the feedback into our priority areas and measurable goals, including some of those identified above. In January 2023, the District sent a survey to the entire community asking what their priorities were when the district was building its budget. Their top priorities were 1. Providing supports for struggling students 2. Keeping class sizes small 3. Providing extra-curricular and athletic opportunities for students 4. Providing challenging courses to high achieving students

As you can see, we have included all of these priorities above.