

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Education Initiatives Included in 2013-14 Enacted Budget

Full-day, High-Quality Pre-K Program (\$25 million)

- Enacted Budget will provide support for full-day (minimum 5-hour) pre-kindergarten program and a portion of funds will support half-day programs;
- Funds will go toward creating new full-day and half-day slots and converting half-day to full-day slots
- Funds will support programs that adopt quality indicators that are the basis of Quality STARS NY including:
 - Curriculum consistent with the pre-kindergarten foundation for the common core;
 - Valid and reliable measures of environmental quality
 - The quality of teacher-student interactions and child outcomes.
- Targeted toward higher need students in lower wealth communities/school districts
- Awarded via a competitive process through the State Education Department.

Extended Learning Time (\$20 million)

- Prioritized to support high-quality extended day and/or extended school year programs that are academically enriched;
- Schools that apply must agree to increase learning time by 25% to qualify;
- Transform the entire school day – including the time that taxpayers already pay for;
- Targeted towards middle school students in grades 6-8.
- Funds will cover full cost of expanding learning time for students;
- Awarded via a competitive process through the State Education Department.

Community Schools (\$15 million)

- Executive Budget will support an innovative program designed to transform school buildings into community hubs during the 2013-14 academic year;
- Community Schools will integrate social, health, mental health, and other critical services to support students and their families;
- Application will require maximizing existing investments, programs and services from local partners including county and nonprofits;
- The Council of Children and Families will develop the RFP and SED will administer it.
- Awarded via competitive grant up to \$500,000 (with installments paid upon reaching predetermined milestones)

Reward High Performing Teachers (\$11 million)

- Selective program that rewards our best and brightest educators – starting with those who teach secondary math & science;
- Annual stipends of \$15,000 will be provided for four years to the most effective teachers in the State (approx. 600 teachers from every region of the State);
- Effort will provide performance incentives for high performing teachers by enhancing professional development and utilizing these teachers to train their peers;
- SUNY will administer the program through a partnership with the Governor's office.

Early College High School Programs (\$4 million)

- Executive Budget will provide a total of \$4 million in new State funding, bring the State's total investment in Early College High Schools programs to \$6 million;
- Goal is to improve college access and success by offering students the opportunity to get an early start on college during high school years;
- Funding will permit the continuation of existing ECHS models and offer additional resources for expansion.