

# Connect. Engage. Act.

## 2022-23 Executive Budget Proposal: NYSSBA Analysis 2022 Legislative Priorities



# Education Funding

- Proposed increase of \$2.07 billion (+7.1%)
  - \$1.6 billion Foundation Aid increase
  - \$471 million increase in expense-based and other categorical aids
- Foundation Aid formula phase-in: Year 2 of 3
  - 50% of remaining phase-in for underfunded districts
  - 3% minimum increase
  - \$250 million community schools set-aside remains

# Recover from COVID School Program (RECOVS)

- \$100 million for 2022-23 & 2023-24
- Support student wellbeing and learning loss
- Prioritize the highest need students and schools
- Match federal funds being utilized for these purposes

# Building a Better Future

- Update Financial Aid formula
- Universal free school meals
- Increase aidable cap for BOCES Career and Technical Education teacher salaries
- Address unintended consequences of the Property Tax Cap
- Raise the fund balance limit for school districts
- Expand efforts to address staff shortages
- Reduce carbon footprint

# ConnectALL Initiative

- \$1 billion investment in broadband infrastructure, access and affordability
- Removes fees for right-of-way access
- Not included: Increase of high speed broadband to 100/100 Mbps

# Other Priorities

- Expanding Child Safety Zones
- More flexibility in utilizing virtual open meetings
- Allow for districts and BOCES to establish regional high schools
- Allow for flexibility in school year and school day if needed
- Legislative action to allow for alternative election arrangements if needed



# Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- The goal of DEI efforts is to create a positive learning environment for all students and eliminate barriers that limit a student's chance to be successful.
- DEI policies and practices aim to include all groups that have been disadvantaged, whether due to race, ethnicity, disability, gender or gender identity, socioeconomic status or another factor.
- Our future depends on public education and the success of our schools requires a commitment from those in our communities who hold differing perspectives to resolve those differences in a respectful manner.

# Upcoming Free Member Events

- 2022 NYSSBA Virtual Lobby Day
  - Date: February 9, 2022
  - Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- The School Board's Role in Curriculum Adoption Webinar
  - Date: February 10, 2022
  - Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



# Archived Resources On Demand

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - Sample Policies
  - Joint Statement
  - Guidance
  - Webinars
  - Custom Board Retreats
- How to Manage Contentious School Board Meetings
  - Specialized training recorded webinar
  - Public Comment Guide