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NYS BUDGET: EDUCATION AND LOCAL FUNDING UPDATE



Higher Education Funding Highlights

- **\$65 million** to expand eligibility for free community college through the New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship Program
- **\$1.05 billion** for financial aid programs including TAP
- **\$500 million** for critical maintenance at SUNY campuses
- **Zero tuition increase** for resident undergraduate students at SUNY and CUNY 4-year schools

Classroom Cellphone Ban

A statewide classroom cellphone ban went into effect on August 1, 2025

A Governor's office survey shows that:

- **92%** of schools reported smooth transitions
- **83%** of schools reported higher productivity and student engagement
- **75%** of schools reported an improved ability for teachers to teach effectively

EDUCATION FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS



- **\$39 billion** invested K-12 public education
- **\$22.9 billion** invested in higher education (SUNY/CUNY)
- **Increased Pre-K funding** puts New York State on the path for Universal Pre-K by 2028-2029
- Continuing the successful **distraction-free classrooms** cell-phone policy implemented last year
- Continuing the successful **free school meals** (lunch and breakfast) policy implemented last year

FY 2026-27 BUDGET SCHOOL FUNDING REPORT CARD

	\$39 billion in school aid, a \$1.7 billion increase from 2026, \$190.9 million for schools in District 1, a \$5.9 million increase from 2026
	\$20 million for the Advancing Success in Associate Pathways (ASAP) and Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE) programs
	Increase in the salary reimbursement cap for BOCES teachers from \$30,000 to \$60,000 starting this fall
	\$395 million for free school meals, helping cost-burdened families save \$450 million a month in groceries
	\$1.6 billion in Pre-K aid is putting NY on the path to Universal Pre-K by the 2028-2029 school year, saving parents \$24,000 to \$26,000 a year

Other Notable Changes

- Modernizing the Foundation Aid Formula using updated poverty metrics and new data
- Statewide dual enrollment framework for high schoolers to earn free college credits
- Digitization of youth working papers for efficiency and easier access

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Funding for Local Organizations and Initiatives

Funding Highlight: FIMP

I helped secure **\$1.3 billion** in budget funds for the Fire Island to Montauk Point Project (FIMP), an ongoing effort to protect 83 miles of Long Island's southern shore from erosion, flooding, and groundwater intrusion caused by storms. This project safeguards tens of thousands of homes and businesses.

Total District Funding

In my first two-year term, I helped secure a total of **\$34,725,000** in budgetary and discretionary funds for local organizations and initiatives in healthcare, childcare, education, infrastructure, arts and culture, environmental conservation, wildlife management, agriculture, historical preservation, municipal services, and more.

MAP LEGEND

#	LOCATION	COMMUNITY	#	LOCATION	COMMUNITY
1	Amagansett sidewalks	Amagansett	21	Montauk Lighthouse.....	Montauk
2	Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreation Center...	Bridgehampton	22	Montauk Playhouse	Montauk
3	CAST.....	Southold	23	North Fork Arts Center.....	Greenport
4	CCOM.....	Montauk	24	North Fork Behavioral Health Initiative.....	Mattituck
5	Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center.....	East Hampton	25	North Sea Maritime Center.....	North Sea
6	Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center.....	East Quogue	26	NY Center for Clean Water Technologies.....	Shinnecock Hills
7	Greenport Village Parks & Rec Improvements.....	Greenport	27	NY Wine & Grape Foundation.....	Cutchogue
8	Greenport Village Water Quality Improvement.....	Greenport	28	OLA.....	East Hampton
9	Hampton Bays Chamber of Commerce.....	Hampton Bays	29	Our Fabulous Variety Show.....	Wainscott
10	Hamptons Community Outreach.....	Southampton	30	Peconic Community School.....	Peconic
11	Hamptons Doc Fest.....	Sag Harbor	31	Peconic Estuary Partnership.....	Riverside
12	Heart of the Hamptons.....	Southampton	32	Project Most.....	East Hampton
13	Iron Point Park.....	Flanders	33	Sag Harbor Firehouse Museum.....	Sag Harbor
14	i-tri.....	East Hampton	34	South Fork Bakery.....	Sag Harbor
15	Jean Cochran Park.....	Peconic	35	South Fork Behavioral Health Initiative.....	Hampton Bays
16	Little Northwest Creek Dredge.....	Northwest Woods	36	South Fork Commuter Connection.....	Westhampton
17	Long Island Head Start.....	Riverside	37	Springs Food Pantry	Springs
18	LTV.....	Wainscott	38	Steinbeck House	Sag Harbor
19	Luv Michael	Southampton	39	Stony Brook Southampton Windmill.....	Shinnecock Hills
20	Montauk Downs Clubhouse	Montauk	40	Sylvester Manor.....	Shelter Island
			41	Westhampton Beach PAC.....	Westhampton Beach