2019-20 Enacted State Budget - Updated

Sunday, March 31, 2019: Governor Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders announced an agreement today on the 2019-2020 State Budget totaling $175.5 billion. Outlined below are the pertinent appropriations for religious and independent schools:

- **UPDATE - School Nutrition:** $2.3 million is provided to cover the 25 cent contribution for students eligible for reduced-priced meals thus effectively eliminating the reduced category, simplifying the anti-shaming initiative and eliminating the debt owed by reduced-price meal students who have been unable to pay.

- **Mandated Services Reimbursement:** Funded at $115,652,000 for 2018-19 school year expenses, an increase of 3.6 percent over last year.

- **CAP:** Funded at $77,476,000 for 2018-19 school year expenses, representing a 3.6 percent increase.

- **Health, Safety and Security:** $15 million is provided to support health, safety and security needs.

- **State Office for Religious and Independent Schools:** $800,000 is provided to support staffing of SORIS.

- **Immunization:** $1 million is provided (through the Mandated Services Reimbursement program) contingent on schools being in compliance with the State School Immunization Program based on a process to be developed by the Departments of Health and Education by July 1, 2019. The program was funded at $7 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year.

- **Smart Schools Bond Act:** $25 million is re-appropriated to address inequities in our share of the bond funds.

- **SCAHC Grants:** $25 million is provided for additional competitive grants under the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes program.

- **STEM:** $30 million is provided for STEM salary reimbursement – a doubling of program funds.

- **Academic Intervention Services:** $922,000 is provided but spent at an annual rate of $1.84 million to spend down prior year appropriations.

- **Learning Technology Grants:** continued funding at $3.29 million

- **Textbook Aid:** $58.25 per pupil remains unchanged

- **Software Aid:** $14.98 per pupil remains unchanged

- **Hardware Aid:** Average of $12 per pupil remains unchanged

- **Library Materials:** $6.25 per pupil remains unchanged

- **School Bus Driver Training:** $400,000 remains unchanged

- **Teacher Centers:** $14.2 million is provided, which includes participation of private school teachers.

- **Pre-k:** an increase of $15 million is provided for a total of $349 million.

**Re-Appropriations:** All re-appropriations for prior-year unspent funds in these programs are provided.