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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:** \$25m 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.