

Syosset School District

**Foundation Aid Plan
June 12, 2023**

State Foundation Aid is projected to increase by \$7.9 million

<i>STATE AID</i>	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2022-23	BUDGET
	2023-24	
FOUNDATION AID	15,091,812	23,031,482
EXCESS COST AID/PUBLIC	354,579	325,953
EXCESS COST AID/PRIVATE	442,092	436,778
BOCES AID	3,863,805	3,960,587
TRANSPORTATION AID	2,968,607	3,338,726
BUILDING AID	1,406,536	1,353,023
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY	54,123	57,165
TEXTBOOK/SOFTWARE/LIBRARY AIDS	564,332	574,802
HIGH TAX AID	697,595	697,595
<i>Adj. for Potential Additional Building Aid</i>	215,277	281,727
NET STATE AID	25,658,758	34,057,838

- District's receiving in excess of 10% increases in foundation aid are required to post a statement on how the funds will be used to address student performance and need.

Foundation Aid Summary Plan Addresses Four Areas

- 1. Support for students who struggle academically*
- 2. Student mental health & wellness*
- 3. Special education and ELL students*
- 4. Expanding instructional opportunities*

1. Support for students who struggle academically

- **Allocations for tutor staff.**
- **Professional development for teachers to address student learning loss and academic interventions.**
- **Instructional technology tools to support struggling learners, to provide for multiple pathways to learning, and support struggling students with additional cognitive, developmental, and academic resources, applications, and devices for use at school and at home.**

2. Support student health and wellness

- **Expanding community connections with through a partnership with Northwell mental health partnership to streamline interventions for students in need and family/individual counseling services.**
- **Additional social workers**

3. Provide enhanced resources to students with disabilities and ELL students

- Allocations for instructional and instructional support staff including tutors, teaching aides, therapists, learning loss resources and individual, target specific tutoring.
- Additional allocations for contractual services to support our special education and ELL students.
- Instructional technology tools.

4. Expand instructional opportunities for students

- Allocations for instructional resources at the secondary level to meet additional enrollment in core classes as well as additional program offerings in science.

Foundation Plan to be posted on the District Website (Budget Section)

Syosset Central School District - Foundation Aid Plan for 2023-24 Budget

The 2023-24 enacted New York State budget included a foundation aid increase of approximately \$7.9 million or 50% over the 2021-22 budgeted foundation aid amount. This increase is an effort to bring our district up to our full foundation aid allocation. In accordance with Section D10 of the authorization for these funds, provided below is a statement of the proposed use of the funds to address student performance and need, specifically in the following areas: (1) providing supports for students who struggle academically; (2) Addressing student health and wellness; (3) Providing adequate resources to English language learners and students with disabilities; and (4) Expanding instructional opportunities for students.

(1) Providing support for students who struggle academically. (Estimated at approximately \$2,082,000)

The additional foundation aid will enable the district to provide additional support to students who are struggling academically through a variety of means. The district budget includes:

1. Allocations for tutor staff to support struggling students.
2. Professional development for teachers to address student learning loss and academic interventions, particularly in early literacy.
3. Instructional technology tools to support struggling learners, to provide for multiple pathways to learning, and support struggling students with additional cognitive, developmental, and academic resources, applications, and devices for use at school and at home. I.e. Chromebook device technology and applications, as well as content area subscriptions for remediation, support, enrichment, and reinforcement of state standards-based knowledge).
4. Behavioral supports are available for students in need through the support of our district Behavioral Consultants.

(2) Addressing student health and wellness. (Estimated at approximately \$543,000)

The additional foundation aid enabled the district to direct more resources to addressing student health and wellness. The district budget includes:

5. Expanding community connections through a partnership with Northwell mental health to streamline interventions for students in need and family/individual counseling services. In addition, this partnership will provide immediate crisis support for students and families as well as an array of professional development opportunities for staff.
6. Allocations for additional social workers to support students. Each of our ten buildings will not have a full-time social worker housed within them.

(3) Providing adequate resources to students with disabilities and English language learners (ELL). (Estimated at approximately \$4,826,000)

The additional foundation aid will enable the district to provide additional resources for special education and ELL students. The district budget includes:

1. Allocations for instructional and instructional support staff including tutors, teaching aides, therapists, as well as learning loss resources to target specific areas of academic need.
2. Additional allocations for contractual services to support our special education and ELL students. This includes additional support in the areas of related services during the school year for both speech and occupational therapy.
3. Instructional technology tools to increase the interactive technology in our special classes at the elementary level to help engage students with their individual needs in a variety of ways.

(4) Expand instructional opportunities for students. (Estimated at approximately \$483,000)

The additional foundation aid enabled the district to expand instructional opportunities to address increased enrollment and program expansion. The district budget includes:

Allocations for instructional resources at the secondary level to meet additional enrollment in core classes as well as additional program offerings in science.

Comments regarding this plan can be directed to Patricia Rufo at prufo@syossetschools.org

The above plan was discussed at the June 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting as well as June 14, 2023 Consultation and Collaboration Meeting.