

DESCRIPTION OF
1999-00 NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL AID PROGRAMS

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the 1999-00 New York State aid programs for elementary and secondary education as provided in the appropriation and language Budget Bills comprising the education and property tax relief portions of the enacted budget passed by the Legislature and subsequently signed into law by Governor Pataki as Chapters 53 and 405 of the Laws of 1999.

The information provided in the tables accompanying this report has been supplied by the State Education Department, and all tables reflect the State aid amounts calculated by the Department for the 1999-00 State Budget enacted August, 1999.

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SCHOOL AID/STAR OVERVIEW

The 1999-00 State budget provides a record increase in State aid to public schools for the third consecutive year while also financing the first year of School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions for all non-senior homeowners. Substantial funding increases are provided to improve school facilities and strengthen early childhood education. In addition, funding reform initiatives scheduled to take effect in the 2000-01 school year will promote the education of disabled children in regular classroom settings and better target State building aid based upon current school district wealth.

Major elements of State support for elementary and secondary education for the 1999-00 school year include the following:

- C An overall increase of \$913 million (7.8 percent) in school aid, including an increase of \$922 million (8.2 percent) in formula-based computerized aids. This is the largest funding increase in State history, surpassing the previous record of \$847 million enacted for the 1998-99 school year.
- C Building aid will increase by \$284 million (34.2 percent), reflecting the 10 percent building aid enrichment for projects approved after July 1, 1998. In addition to the availability of enriched building aid, each school district will receive additional capital funding under the new \$145 million Rebuilding Schools to Uphold Education (RESCUE) program.
- C The Universal Pre-Kindergarten program is increased from \$56.9 million to \$100 million in the 1999-00 school year, increasing the number of children eligible to be served by Pre-K programs from 20,000 to 30,000. A new State class size reduction program provides \$75.0 million to support smaller class sizes in grades K-3. This \$75.0 million in State funding will supplement \$104.5 million in new Federal class size reduction funding.
- C State aid for textbooks and educational technology continues to grow including:
 - A \$18.4 million increase in textbook aid;
 - A \$7.3 million increase in hardware and software aids;
and

-- An expansion in educational technology aid totaling \$16.0 million.

C A \$6.0 million increase in Educationally Related Support Services Aid (ERSSA) is provided to help prevent unnecessary referral of children to special education. In addition, modifications to the public excess cost funding formula effective in the 2000-01 school year will promote the education of disabled children in regular classroom settings, and ensure compliance with Federal IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) requirements.

C A new \$1.0 million Charter School Stimulus fund will support charter school start-up efforts throughout the State. This new State funding will supplement \$4.5 million in Federal charter school start-up funding provided for the upcoming school year.

C STAR

-- STAR property tax relief will double from \$0.5 billion to an estimated \$1.026 billion in 1999-00 to support the continued \$50,000 full value exemption for income-eligible seniors and phase in the first \$10,000 full value exemption for other homeowners.

-- The accelerated STAR payment schedule that was applicable for 1998-99 is retained for 1999-00 to promote timely State reimbursement to school districts.

-- A new "Property Tax Report Card" will provide more information to taxpayers, allowing them to compare proposed budget and tax levy changes in their school district to other districts in their region and across the State. In addition, school districts will be required to mail to voters, prior to the statewide School Budget Voting Day, information that compares the total proposed school budget spending increase to the rate of inflation for the prior year.

1999-00 SCHOOL AID PROGRAMS

A summary of the 1999-00 school aid and STAR programs contained in Chapter 405 of the Laws of 1999, as well as related programs contained in the Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget (Chapter 53) of the Laws of 1999 is presented in this publication.

A. GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The enacted school aid program will increase the aids comprising General Support for Public Schools (GSPS), BOCES Aid and Employment Preparation Education (EPE) Aid by \$913.07 million, from \$11,744.33 million in 1998-99 to \$12,657.40 million in the 1999-00 school year, an increase of 7.77 percent. Formula-based computerized aids will increase by \$921.91 million or 8.22 percent. This is the largest enacted increase in State aid to public schools in history, surpassing the 1998-99 increase of \$846.96 million. Significant items for 1999-00 include:

- C Increased funding in the amount of \$136.55 million is provided for major operating aid programs subject to the transition adjustment. The transition adjustment applied to major operating aids ensures that all districts will receive aid at least equal to the sum of these aids for 1998-99. The transition adjustment will also allow districts to receive a maximum increase in the sum of these aids over 1998-99 levels of up to 2.80 percent; or 7.80 percent of the amount limited by the transition adjustment, whichever is greater.
- C Building aid is increased by \$284.47 million to a total of \$1.12 billion to support school building projects throughout the State. The 10 percent building aid enrichment provided for projects approved after July 1, 1998 is continued in 1999-00. However, for projects approved after July 1, 2000, school districts will receive building aid based on the greater of their current building aid ratio or their 1999-00 aid ratio reduced by 10 percentage points.
- C In addition to regular operating aid, Operating Standards Aid is enriched to provide \$102.24 million, an increase of \$20.40 million, to school districts statewide to provide additional funds for programs and services required to meet the goals of the new learning standards established by the Board of Regents.
- C Extraordinary Needs Aid is increased by \$12.34 million to support services to at-risk pupils.
- C Textbook Aid will grow from \$40.90 to \$46.87 per pupil, an increase of \$18.40 million.
- C Hardware aid will grow from \$10.61 to \$12.70 per pupil, an increase of \$2.91 million. Software aid will increase from \$4.58 to \$7.55 per pupil, an increase of \$4.34 million.

- C Educational Technology Incentive Aid is increased from \$9.0 million to \$25.0 million.
- C Funding for early childhood programs is increased substantially in 1999-00. The Universal Pre-Kindergarten initiative for four-year-olds is funded in 1999-00 at \$100.0 million, an increase of \$43.1 million. The minimum per pupil funding level for this program is continued at \$2,700. A new class size reduction initiative for grades kindergarten through three is funded at \$75.0 million and, if all districts participate, will result in the creation of 1,347 new classrooms in 140 eligible school districts.
- C Limited English Proficiency Aid is increased from \$58.85 million to \$69.34 million, an increase of \$10.49 million.
- C In 1999-00, Minor Maintenance Aid is continued at \$50.0 million to assist in the preservation of school facilities throughout the State.
- C An additional \$24.3 million is provided for New York City prior year school aid claims.
- C School districts that are not components of BOCES, including Big Five city districts, will receive an increase in shared services aid of \$6.5 million.
- C A new Tax Limitation Aid totaling \$25.0 million is provided to school districts with high residential tax burdens.

FORMULA-BASED AIDS

Major Operating Aids: Total State funding will be adjusted through a transition adjustment to ensure that no district receives less than its 1998-99 level for the major aids listed below. The transition adjustment will also allow districts to receive a maximum increase in the sum of these aids over 1998-99 levels of up to 2.8 percent or 7.8 percent of the amount limited by the transition adjustment, whichever is greater. Aids subject to the transition adjustment include:

- Operating Aid
- Tax Effort Aid
- Tax Equalization Aid

Aid provided to school districts under these programs totals \$6,266.30 million, an increase of \$136.55 million.

Extraordinary Needs Aid: This aid category provides funds to school districts with high concentrations of at-risk pupils. Several formula enhancements enacted in 1998-99 are continued, including a recalculation of the concentration and sparsity factors. The save-harmless provision is also continued. Extraordinary Needs Aid will provide \$665.88 million to school districts, an increase of \$12.34 million.

Educationally Related Support Services Aid: This formula which supports school district programs for special needs students continues to include two per pupil aid calculations. The first uses the aid ceiling, selected TAPU, and the selected Operating Aid ratio with a .25 minimum. The second uses the aid ceiling, selected TAPU, the extraordinary needs percent in excess of 60 percent and the aid ratio for Public Excess Cost Aid. The aid ceiling for the first per-pupil calculation is continued at \$335.00; that for the second has been increased from \$500.00 to \$635.00. The percent of selected TAPU for the first per-pupil calculation is 9 percent; that for the second is 15 percent. For 1999-00, this aid will total \$66.39 million, an increase of \$6.08 million.

Public Excess Cost Aid: This program supports the commitment to a free and appropriate education in a public school setting for pupils with disabilities. For aids payable in 1999-00, the calculation of public excess cost aid will be based on approved operating expense and total aidable pupils for expense of the 1997-98 school year. The statewide average approved operating expense per pupil is \$6,250. The aid ratio will be determined using the combined wealth ratio, as used for operating aid, and based on a 49 percent State share for a district of average wealth and a minimum aid ratio of 25 percent. The save-harmless provision is continued.

Funding for the Declassification Support Services Aid program is also included within the estimates for public excess cost aid. Under this program, moneys are provided to school districts for the provision of support services for teachers and pupils in the first year that a pupil moves from a special education program to a full-time regular education program. In order to encourage the increased movement of pupils into a regular classroom environment, this aid equals 50 percent of a district's public excess cost aid per pupil multiplied by the number of pupils moving to a regular education program. Public Excess Cost Aid will total \$1,639.17 million in 1999-00, an increase of \$56.31 million.

Legislation enacted with the 1999-00 budget includes special education financing reform, effective in the 2000-01 school year,

which will provide school districts with an incentive to educate disabled children with their non-disabled peers. In 2000-01, the public excess cost pupil weightings will be modified to provide an additional 0.5 weighting for those children who require special education services at least 60 percent of the time and who receive these services in a general education setting. The pupil weighting for students served in segregated settings will be reduced from 1.70 to 1.68 in 2000-01 and to 1.65 in 2001-02. Additionally, save-harmless funding will not include apportionments generated by the new pupil weightings and will be reduced to 99.1 percent of the current present law level in 2000-01 and to 99.13 percent of such level in 2001-02.

In addition to the special education financing reforms, the 1999-00 legislative changes will require school districts to develop plans which will ensure that intervention strategies are considered prior to classifying children for special education services. School districts will also be required to develop policies that enable children who require special education services, to the extent appropriate to needs of the child, to be involved in the general education curriculum. Finally, the 1999-00 legislation directs the State Education Department to identify and provide assistance to those districts which continue to have high rates of special education classification and a high incidence of educating special education students apart from their non-disabled peers.

Private Excess Cost Aid: This program supports special education programs serving public school children placed in private school settings and in the State-operated schools in Rome and Batavia. All existing provisions of law are continued. State funding in 1999-00 will total \$133.15 million, an increase of \$4.32 million.

BOCES Aid: For 1999-00, BOCES aid will total \$425.95 million. School districts will receive a BOCES aid increase of \$40.07 million. Beginning with contracts entered into on or after January 15, 2000, school districts will not be eligible for BOCES aid for the purchase or installation of educational technology unless a district can demonstrate that this shared service is cost-effective without regard to the availability of State aid. In addition, by November 15, 1999, the State Education Department is required to report to the Governor and State Legislature on the cost-effectiveness of those categories of shared services that have experienced the most rapid growth in recent years.

Special Services Aid: This aid, which totals \$143.83 million for 1999-00, a decrease of \$0.21 million, is provided to the Big Five city school districts for career education and computer services. Since these five districts are not permitted to join BOCES, a different formula is used to fund career education programs and computer services provided by such districts. The career education aid ceiling for 1999-00 is continued at \$3,720. Computer services aid is based upon an aid ratio multiplied by expenses up to \$62.30 multiplied by the district's K-12 enrollment.

Transportation Aid: The minimum aid ratio for Transportation Aid continues to be 6.5 percent (dependent on district wealth, this aid will range from 6.5 to 90 percent of a district's approved expenses). Transportation Aid will total \$828.12 million in 1999-00, an increase of \$67.24 million. A new aid ratio choice permitting school districts to receive aid based on public and non-public enrollments will benefit districts transporting large numbers of nonpublic school students. This new ratio choice accounts for \$7.4 million of the total 1999-00 transportation aid increase.

Schools will continue to receive aid for non-emergency bus purchases or leases in the year after the expense is incurred only if the amount expended is reported to the Commissioner of Education by November 15th of the base year. Any amount exceeding the reported figure will be aided in the subsequent year.

Building Aid (BANS/New Debt Service): All building projects approved by the voters after July 1, 1998 will receive a supplement of 10 percentage points to their selected State aid ratio (but not to exceed a maximum State share of 95 percent). The minimum aid ratio is continued at 10 percent. Regional cost factors introduced in 1998 are also continued to address the expense of building and repairing school facilities in high cost areas of the State.

In calculating Building Aid for 1999-00, a district may choose the highest of its current aid ratio or the aid ratio used for aid payable in the 1981-82 through 1998-99 school years -- i.e., aid ratios based on current year or prior year selected actual valuations per resident pupil (AV/RWADA) for 1979-80 through 1996-97. Starting with all new building projects approved by the voters beginning July 1, 2000, the selected building aid ratio will be based upon the greater of a school district's current-year building aid ratio or the aid ratio calculated for use in 1999-00 reduced by 10 percentage points.

As was the case in previous years, aid for bond anticipation

notes (BANs) and for newly issued bonds and capital notes will be based on the lesser of data reported to the Commissioner on or before November 15 or the actual claim submitted by the district on or before March 1. For 1999-00, building aid will total \$1,116.04 million, an increase of \$284.47 million.

In addition to building aid, for 1999-00, all school districts will receive State capital funding under the \$145 million Rebuilding Schools to Uphold Education (RESCUE) program to support local construction priorities. RESCUE grants are based upon a school district's share of the total State public and non-public enrollment. Minimum RESCUE grants to school districts will be \$20,000.

Reorganization Incentive Aid: Reorganization Incentive Aid is provided for both operating and building expenses incurred by those school districts scheduled for reorganization under section 3602 of the Education Law. It is paid as a supplement to regular operating aid and building aid when districts meet certain conditions prescribed by law. The statutory provisions for reorganization incentive aid remain unchanged for districts which have already undergone reorganization. Beginning in 1992, reorganization incentive operating aid for reorganizing districts was increased to 40 percent for the first five years. Eligibility for reorganization incentive building aid on new projects for qualified districts is extended to July 1, 2000 in Chapter 58 of the Laws of 1998. In total, reorganization incentive aid will amount to \$42.91 million in 1999-00, an increase of \$1.81 million.

Limited English Proficiency: For 1999-00, the amount of operating aid per pupil provided to school districts has been enriched. As a result, programs for the education of students with limited proficiency in English will be supported by \$69.34 million, an increase of \$10.49 million over 1998-99.

Gifted and Talented: For 1999-00, \$15.12 million, an increase of \$0.98 million is available to fund programs for gifted students.

Growth Aid: Growth Aid to qualifying districts will be paid as a separate apportionment in June 2000. As provided for in Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996, beginning with aid for the 1997-98 school year, a district's growth index is calculated based on the change in enrollment rather than the change in average daily attendance. For 1999-00, growth aid will total \$22.03 million, a decrease of \$8.84 million.

Textbook and Computer Aids: For the 1999-00 school year, the following provisions apply:

- C Textbook Aid: These funds reimburse school districts for the purchase and loan of textbooks. Textbooks are loaned to both public and nonpublic pupils. The lottery funded portion of Textbook Aid is \$15 per pupil. The general fund portion has been increased from \$25.90 to \$31.87 per pupil, for a combined maximum textbook aid payment of \$46.87 per pupil. Beginning in 1999-00, schools will also be able to use eligible purchases of content-based instructional materials in an electronic format to qualify for reimbursement. This aid will total \$151.48 million in 1999-00, an increase of \$18.40 million.

- C Computer Software Aid: Under this program, aid is apportioned to districts for the purchase and loan of computer software. Software programs designated for use in public schools are to be loaned on an equitable basis to nonpublic school pupils pursuant to Rules of the Board of Regents. For the 1999-00 school year, districts will be reimbursed for expenses up to \$7.55 per pupil based on public and nonpublic school enrollment. For 1999-00, Computer Software Aid will total \$18.48 million, an increase of \$4.34 million.

- C Computer Hardware and Technology Aid: This aid category, provides funding for the lease or purchase of mini- and microcomputers, computer terminals or technology equipment for instructional purposes. Computer Hardware Aid equals approved expense (up to \$12.70 per pupil), adjusted by the current year AV/RWADA aid ratio. For the 1999-00 school year, \$18.12 million, an increase of \$2.91 million, is provided.

Library Materials Aid: Districts are reimbursed for expenses up to \$6.00 per pupil based on public and nonpublic school enrollment. For 1999-00, Library Materials Aid will total \$15.26 million, an increase of \$2.60 million. Materials purchased under this program and designated for use in public schools are to be loaned on an equitable basis to nonpublic school pupils.

Operating Standards Aid: For 1999-00, \$102.24 million, an increase of \$20.40 million, will be available for services and expenses related to achieving the Board of Regents' new learning standards. Funds must be used in accordance with a district plan

designed to achieve these new learning standards through direct instructional services to students, professional development for teachers and innovative educational practices.

Pre-Kindergarten Expansion: Beginning in 1998-99, State funds were provided to expand the availability of pre-kindergarten programs for four-year-old children statewide. For 1999-00, a total of \$100.0 million, an increase of \$43.12 million, has been appropriated for State grants that are based upon a wealth equalized allocation formula providing up to \$4,000 per child served and ensuring that no eligible school district receives less than \$2,700 per child.

Full-Day K Incentive Aid: This aid category provides funding to encourage school districts to establish full-day kindergarten programs intended to strengthen the quality of education for five-year-old children. For 1999-00, a total of \$8.31 million is provided for this program. School districts converting to full-day kindergarten programs will receive current year operating aid in 1999-00 for any increase in the number of students served in full-day programs in 1999-00 compared to 1998-99.

Minor Maintenance Aid: For 1999-00, \$50.0 million will continue to be provided for minor maintenance projects necessary to preserve school facilities statewide. School districts will receive funding based upon the average age of their facilities and based upon enrollment growth.

Shared Services Aid for Big 5 City Districts: A total of \$10.0 million is provided for Big Five City school districts and other districts that are non-components of BOCES to help cover the cost of instructional support services.

Education Technology Incentive Aid: Education technology incentive aid is provided to support classroom-based technology investments. School districts will receive aid for approved instructional computer technology expenses (those that are not eligible for Building Aid or are not claimed for any other technology aid) based upon an aid formula that provides the greater of the district's selected building aid ratio or BOCES aid ratio. State funding for this program will be \$25.0 million in 1999-00.

Early Grade Class Size Reduction Aid: For 1999-00, \$75.00 million is appropriated to enable school districts to reduce class size in kindergarten and in grades one through three. Up to 140 school districts will be eligible to receive grants to add 1,347 new

classrooms to achieve an average size of 20 students. Grants are based upon district wealth, enrollment and average class size.

Tax Limitation Aid: For 1999-00, a total of \$25.0 million is provided to school districts based on a formula that incorporates district tax levy from residential property and overall district income.

Teacher Support Aid: A total of \$67.48 million is provided in aid and grants to the Big Five City school districts.

GRANT PROGRAMS AND OTHER AID CATEGORIES

Aid to Small City School Districts: Aid for small city school districts was instituted as a grant program by Chapter 288 of the Laws of 1979, and was intended to provide funds to districts at or near constitutional tax limits. With the removal of small city constitutional tax limits by a referendum in 1985, aid to small city school districts is provided to permit such districts to adjust their taxes gradually to an appropriate level. A total of \$81.88 million, the same amount as in 1998-99, will be allocated to small city school districts for the 1999-00 school year.

Employment Preparation Education (EPE) Aid: EPE funding is available for adult education programs such as literacy, basic skills and high school equivalency programs. School districts and BOCES offering such programs are required to submit plans of service to the Commissioner of Education for approval. Total aid for the 1999-00 school year continues to be capped at \$96.18 million, and approved claims above such amount will be subject to proration.

Urban-Suburban Transfer: A total of \$1.13 million will be provided in 1999-00 to districts that participate in a voluntary interdistrict transfer between an urban and suburban school district to reduce racial isolation. Related transportation expenses are eligible for transportation aid.

Education of Homeless Children: Chapter 348 of the Laws of 1988, by amending section 3602 of the Education Law, instituted this program of State aid. Under this program, school districts where homeless children are temporarily located are reimbursed for the direct cost of educating such children. This cost to the State is partially recaptured from the district of last attendance for each such homeless child by deducting an amount equal to the district's basic contribution per pupil from the district's State aid. The net

cost of aid for homeless pupils in 1999-00 is estimated at \$4.0 million.

Aid for Incarcerated Youth: A total of \$10.5 million is provided to continue support for the provision of educational services to youth detained in local correctional facilities. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1992, such services may now be provided, and aided, during summer sessions as well as the regular school year.

Reorganization Study Program: Special categorical funding for reorganization studies has been discontinued for the 1999-00 school year.

State Bilingual Categorical Funds: In 1999-00, \$11.20 million will be used to continue existing funding of regional bilingual programs at BOCES and to support innovative Two-Way Bilingual Education Programs which employ two languages (one of which is English) for the purpose of instruction, involving students whose native language is other than English.

Categorical Reading Aid: This aid category is provided to the Big Five city school districts to help improve pupil reading skills and academic performance. Aid payments will total \$63.95 million in 1999-00, the same amount as last year, to be distributed as follows:

- New York City \$29.95 million
- Buffalo 17.50 million
- Syracuse 6.00 million
- Rochester 5.50 million
- Yonkers 5.00 million

AI/DP Grants: \$949,900 is available in 1999-00, for attendance improvement and drop-out prevention programs. The recipient districts and BOCES are:

- Binghamton \$289,200
- Ithaca 289,200
- Fredonia 96,400
- Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES 96,400
- Orange-Ulster BOCES 96,400
- Jamestown 48,600
- Newark Valley 33,700

Improving Pupil Performance: A total of \$66.35 million, the same amount as last year, is provided to fund a program of incentive

grants for improving pupil performance in the Big Five city school districts. These funds will be allocated as follows:

- New York City \$36.20 million
- Buffalo 10.50 million
- Yonkers 9.10 million
- Rochester 6.95 million
- Syracuse 3.60 million

Fort Drum Area School Districts: A total of \$2.63 million, the same as last year, is provided to continue grants to school districts in the Fort Drum area that have experienced increased pupil enrollments due to the influx of personnel at the Fort Drum military reservation.

Magnet and Demonstration Schools: Magnet schools offer a special curriculum designed to attract students of different racial backgrounds. A total of \$134.97 million, an increase of \$300,000, will be provided for 19 school districts (including \$116.70 million to the Big Five cities).

- New York City \$48,175,000
- Yonkers 29,500,000
- Buffalo 17,025,000
- Rochester 11,000,000
- Syracuse 11,000,000
- Newburgh 4,645,000
- Albany 2,050,000
- Mount Vernon 2,000,000
- Poughkeepsie 1,875,000
- Schenectady 1,800,000
- New Rochelle 1,200,000
- Port Chester 1,150,000
- White Plains 900,000
- Utica 800,000
- Niagara Falls 600,000
- Freeport 400,000
- Middletown 400,000
- Beacon 250,000
- Peekskill 200,000

In addition to these funds, Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1999 appropriates \$400,000 for magnet school programs in Utica and \$68,000 for those in Beacon.

Education of OMH/OMR Pupils: A total of \$20.00 million is

provided in the General Support for Public Schools appropriation for apportionment to school districts for the purpose of providing educational services for children who are residents in, and those released from, Office of Mental Health and Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities facilities pursuant to Chapter 66 of the Laws of 1978 and subdivision 5 of section 3202 of the Education Law, as well as for children who reside in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded who receive educational services pursuant to Chapter 721 of the Laws of 1979.

CIMS Aid: In 1999-00, \$2.50 million in General Support for Public Schools funding will be continued for Comprehensive Instructional Management Systems (CIMS) programs. Of this total, \$1.25 million will be distributed to the Big Five city school districts and \$1.25 million will be allocated for competitive grants for partnerships with school districts and BOCES to raise standards for all students.

Office of State Comptroller Audits: A total of \$250,000 is continued to ensure accountability through audits of school districts and BOCES.

Learning Technology Grants: A total of \$3.29 million is continued for learning technology programs including services benefiting nonpublic school students.

Bus Driver Safety: A total of \$400,000 is provided in funding for grants to schools for training purposes including, but not limited to, establishment of a statewide school bus driver safety program and distribution of training materials.

B. OTHER STATE AID PROGRAMS

The aids highlighted below are shown in Table II-C on a State fiscal year basis. These programs affect school districts, but they are not funded in the General Support for Public Schools appropriations.

Charter School Stimulus Fund: A total of \$1 million is provided by the State for start-up grants to charter schools. During the 1999-00 school year, nearly 900 students are enrolled in the State's initial three charter schools and more than 140 individuals or groups have expressed active interest in opening additional schools. Current statute authorized the creation of up to 100 new charter schools.

The State will also receive \$4.5 million from the federal

government to assist in the establishment of new charter schools. This is the first year of a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education intended to increase the number of charter schools in the country to 3,000 by the year 2002.

Basic Education for Public Assistance Recipients: For 1999-00, \$5.0 million is continued for basic education programs including reading, mathematics, and life skills offered to public assistance recipients 16 years of age or older who have a reading level below the ninth grade.

Children of Migrant Workers: A total of \$90,000 in grants is appropriated to school districts supplementing Federal funds used to develop educational programs for the children of migrant farm workers.

Adult Literacy Education: An appropriation of \$3.32 million is provided in 1999-00 for a program of adult literacy consisting of competitive grants to community-based organizations, literacy volunteer organizations, and two- and four-year colleges and libraries.

Experimental Pre-kindergarten Program: Pre-kindergarten programs provide health, psychological and social services to four-year-old children from economically deprived neighborhoods. A total of \$50.2 million has been budgeted for the 1999-00 school year. Grants to support existing programs will be awarded based on Regulations of the Commissioner subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget.

Lunch/Breakfast Programs: A total of \$31.7 million in State funds, the same as last year, including support for additional expenses of school breakfast programs for schools with extraordinary needs, is appropriated to subsidize school lunch and school breakfast programs. The Federal share in the School Lunch and Breakfast Program under the Food and Nutrition Fund will equal \$582,419,000 for the 1999-00 Federal fiscal year.

Comprehensive School Health Demonstration Program: A total of \$525,000 is continued for 1999-00 to support local school district and BOCES programs of health education at the elementary grade levels.

School Health Demonstration Project: For 1999-00, \$150,000 is provided to improve health services and health education to at-risk pupils in Buffalo schools.

Education of Native Americans: A total of \$15.05 million, is

appropriated for the full cost of elementary and secondary education (including transportation expenses) for Native American children as authorized by Article 83 of the Education Law. The program benefits approximately 2,500 children living on 9 reservations educated in 3 reservation schools, 13 public school districts and 4 BOCES.

Primary Mental Health Project: A total of \$570,000, the same as last year, is available in 1999-00 for State support of school-based programs for the early detection and prevention of school adjustment and learning problems experienced by children in the primary grades.

Professional Development Grants: For 1999-00, \$5.0 million, an increase of \$3.5 million, is available to schools for professional development programs.

Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers: Aid of \$20.0 million is continued for this program in the 1999-00 State fiscal year to provide final payments of the 1998-99 school year program and initial payments of a \$20.0 million 1999-00 school year program.

Effective Schools Consortia: For 1999-00, \$1.89 million is continued for this program, the same as last year. This total provides support for technical assistance primarily to low-performing schools in New York City to improve instructional and administrative practices. The program also encourages parental and community involvement in the educational practices of participating schools.

Transferring Success: For 1999-00, an appropriation of \$629,800, the same as in 1998-99, is made available for this program, which seeks to validate and support the replication of exemplary education programs.

Parenting Education: An appropriation of \$506,400 is available in the 1999-00 school year for this program, which supports young adults in their role as parents by expanding opportunities for parental involvement in their children's education.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification: For 1999-00, \$1.00 million is available to teachers for grants up to \$2,500 toward the cost of certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

New York City Peer Intervention Program: For 1999-00, \$1.00 million is available for a program of peer intervention to supplement New York City professional development efforts.

Schools as Community Sites: Under this program, school

districts and BOCES with high percentages of disadvantaged students may apply for grants to promote coordinated management of the resources of the schools and communities. A total of \$6.0 million will be provided for this program in State fiscal year 1999-00 to continue State support at existing sites.

Teacher-Mentor Intern: No funds are provided for this program in the 1999-00 school year.

Workplace Literacy: Under this program, \$1.38 million is provided in the 1999-00 school year to aid labor organizations in the operation of programs in basic literacy and job skills.

Consortium for Worker Education: This not-for-profit organization which provides adult education services to union members and workers in New York City is funded at \$8.00 million in 1999-00.

AIDS Education Program: In 1999-00, a total of \$990,000, the same as last year, is provided for an AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Education Program. These funds support local and regional education and training programs.

Apprenticeship Training: For 1999-00, \$1.83 million is continued to local education agencies for apprenticeship training programs pursuant to a formula contained in section 3610 of the Education Law.

Youth-at-Risk Fund: A total of \$5.3 million, including \$325,500 for department administration, is provided to support 1999-00 school district and BOCES programs promoting partnerships between schools, community groups, private business, social service providers and local governments to serve at-risk youth.

Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention: A total of \$20.2 million, an increase of \$5.0 million, is provided for 1999-00 to fund local school-based intervention programs, including the establishment of appropriate before- and/or after-school programs.

Missing Children Prevention Education: An appropriation of \$900,000 is continued for school districts, BOCES or consortiums thereof, to develop courses of study in the prevention of child abduction.

Nonpublic School Aid: A total of \$53.8 million, is appropriated to reimburse the actual expenses incurred by nonpublic schools for specified State testing and

data-collection activities, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 507 and 508 of the Laws of 1974.

Private Blind and Deaf Schools: A total of \$92.2 million, an increase of \$2.0 million, is appropriated for allowances to eight private schools for the deaf, two private schools for the blind, and the Henry Viscardi School for multiply handicapped children, under Article 85 of the Education Law.

Preschool Special Education: Pursuant to section 4410 of the Education Law, \$536.1 million, an increase of \$25.6 million, is appropriated for the State's 59.5 percent share of the costs of education for three- and four-year old children with disabilities. Similar to 1998-99, prior year claims on file with the State Education Department as of April 1, 1999 will receive priority treatment. Any remaining claims for which there is insufficient appropriation authority to pay in 1999-00 will receive priority status for payment in 2000-01.

Disabled Pupil Court Orders: Chapter 428 of the Laws of 1992 removed section 236 of the Family Court Act and established the Early Intervention Program for children with disabilities, ages birth-2 years, administered and funded by the Department of Health. A \$16.5 million reappropriation in 1999-00 will fund the State Education Department's 50 percent share of outstanding prior year claims as well as special services and programs authorized under court orders issued prior to the transition deadline.

Summer School Program for Disabled Students: An appropriation of \$163.7 million, an increase of \$7.8 million, is provided to meet the State's 70 percent share of costs of summer school programs for school-age pupils with disabilities pursuant to Section 4408 of the Education Law. The 1999-00 appropriation will fund prior year liabilities and up to 70 percent of the 1999-00 school year obligations with the remainder to be funded in the subsequent State fiscal year.

Special Education - Federal Medicaid Recovery: For the 1999-00 State fiscal year, Chapter 53 includes a \$216.0 million offset to State special education costs based on recovery of Federal Medicaid funds for medically related services provided to eligible children in special education programs.

Advances to Hurd City School Districts: A total of \$13,029,000 in loan funds (Hurd advances) is appropriated in 1999-00 for city school districts first eligible to receive loans pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1978.

Commencing with 1992-93, pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1978 as amended by Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1991, district advances are being reduced by 5 percent per year, until no advances are made in the 2011-2012 school year.

District Specific Appropriations: In addition to the above programs, numerous district-specific or area-specific appropriations have been added to the State Education Department's Elementary and Secondary Education program in the 1999-00 State fiscal year. These programs, which are included in Table II-C, total \$21,623,739.

SCHOOL TAX RELIEF (STAR) PROGRAM

STAR Property Tax Relief

Chapter 389 of the Laws of 1997 included a multi-year School Tax Relief (STAR) program to provide approximately \$2.2 billion by 2001-02 to reimburse school districts for State-authorized property tax relief for homeowners. Senior homeowners at least 65 years old and with incomes up to \$60,000 are eligible to receive exemptions of at least \$50,000 from the full value of their primary residences for school tax purposes. When fully implemented, the property tax component of the STAR program will provide other homeowners with at least a \$30,000 exemption from the full value of their primary residence for school property tax purposes. In those counties where the median value of homes exceeds the statewide median home value, as determined by the State Office of Real Property Services (ORPS), the value of the exemptions will be increased. The State will reimburse school districts dollar-for-dollar for the property tax revenues foregone from these exemptions.

STAR property tax exemptions are being phased-in, beginning with the full \$50,000 enhanced exemptions for income-eligible senior homeowners for 1998-99 school year taxes.

The Basic STAR exemption for other homeowners is being phased-in starting at \$10,000 in 1999-2000 and growing to \$20,000 in 2000-2001 and to \$30,000 in 2001-02.

Improved Taxpayer Information

A "Property Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" included in Chapter 389 of the Laws of 1997 provides that property tax bills include additional information, including the estimated full value of the property, the uniform percentage of value at which a municipality is assessing properties, the tax rate, levy and percentage change in the levy from the prior year. Information on how to appeal assessments must be provided with the bill or through another notice.

Two new reforms to provide taxpayers with additional information were enacted in Chapter 405 of the Laws of 1999 effective for the 2000-2001 school year:

- A Property Tax Report Card: School districts will be required to publish locally and report to the State Education Department details of proposed budgets and tax levy increases. The

Department will then publish a "Property Tax Report Card" prior to the School Budget Voting Day, enabling taxpayers to see how the proposed budget and tax levy changes in their school district compare to other districts around the region and across the State.

The Property Tax Report Cards are required by new subdivisions 7 of Sections 1608 and 1716 of the Education Law and will include for each district the:

- Amount of total spending and total estimated school tax levy that would result from adoption of the proposed budget and the percentage increase or decrease in total spending and total school tax levy from the school district budget for the preceding school year;
- Projected enrollment growth for the school year for which the budget is prepared, and the percentage change in enrollment from the previous year; and
- Percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, from January first of the prior school year to January first of the current school year.

A copy of the property tax report card prepared for the annual district meeting must be submitted to the Education Department by the end of the business day next following approval of the report card by the trustee or board of trustees, but no later than twenty-four days prior to the statewide uniform voting day. The department will compile such data for all school districts whose budgets are subject to a vote of the qualified voters and shall make such compilation available electronically at least ten days prior to the statewide uniform voting day.

- Full Budget Disclosure: School districts will be required to provide voters with information that compares the total proposed school budget spending increase to the rate of inflation for the prior year. This information will be mailed at least six days prior to the statewide School Budget Voting Day in May to every qualified voter in the school district.

A new subdivision 2-a of Section 2022 of the Education Law requires that:

- Every common, union free, central, central high school district and city school district to which this article

applies shall mail a school budget notice to all qualified voters of the school district after the date of the budget hearing, but no later than six days prior to the annual meeting and election or special district meeting at which a school budget vote will occur.

- The school budget notice shall compare the percentage increase or decrease in total spending under the proposed budget over total spending under the school district budget adopted for the current school year, with the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index, from January first of the prior school year to January first of the current school year. The notice shall also set forth the date, time and place of the school budget vote, in the same manner as in the notice of annual meeting. Such notice shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner.

School District Reimbursement for STAR

STAR exemptions have no effect on determining tax levies, rates or other State aid. School districts are reimbursed for the taxes foregone upon application to the State Office of Real Property Services. ORPS certifies to the Commissioner of Education amounts payable under the STAR program and school districts receive reimbursement from the State Education Department pursuant to a separate STAR payment schedule established in section 3609-e of the Education Law.

For the 1999-00 school year, school districts filing timely claims will be reimbursed pursuant to the same schedule as in 1998-99, as follows:

<u>Cumulative Payments (as a % of STAR)</u>	<u>To Be Paid On or Before</u>
35%	October 15, 1999
70%	November 15, 1999
80%	December 15, 1999
100%	January 3, 2000

STAR reimbursements in subsequent years will be governed by formulas designed to ensure that outstanding STAR balances do not exceed specified percentages of a district's property tax levy. Assuming timely filing of claims by districts (when fully phased-in), any STAR amounts that exceed 25% of a district's property tax levy will be paid in October. Remaining STAR amounts that exceed

20% of levy will be paid in November and STAR owed in excess of 15% of levy will be paid in December. The balance of STAR due to districts will be paid by the first business day of January. Because STAR grows in roughly equal steps, the percentage of levy over which STAR payments will be made is scaled back proportionately during the phase-in years, as described in the table below.

STAR Amounts Owed in Excess of the Specified Percentage of a School District's Property Tax Levy Payable as Shown

	2000-2001	2001-2002
October 15	18.75%	25%
November 15	15%	20%
December 15	11.25%	15%
January (1 st business day)	Balance due	Balance due

OTHER INITIATIVES

Advantage Schools

The Advantage Schools initiative provides a secure and enriching environment for children during those hours after school ends but before many parents are home from work – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Through the combined efforts of schools, parents, and community organizations, children from kindergarten through 12th grade have opportunities for enriching experiences that complement their education in a safe, supportive program operating in neighborhood schools. The State Budget provides \$5 million in State support appropriated to the Office of Children and Family Services for Advantage Schools in 1999-00.

II

SUMMARY OF 1999-00 SCHOOL YEAR/FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATIONS

School Year/Fiscal Year Impact

There are two time frames to consider when discussing 1999-00 New York State aid programs relating to support for public schools: the 1999-00 school year which runs from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and the 1999-00 State fiscal year which runs from April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000. Tables in this section summarize: the school year and State fiscal year State-funded appropriations for General Support for Public Schools and 1998-99 and 1999-00 State fiscal year appropriations from the General Fund and Lottery Fund.

- Table II-A shows the school year changes for aid programs funded within the General Support for Public Schools appropriations for 1999-00. Computerized aids increase by 8.22 percent.
- Table II-B gives the State fiscal year components of the General Support for Public Schools disbursements. The \$12,144.20 million total for 1999-00 includes: \$3,180.59 million for payments remaining for the 1998-99 school year and \$8,963.61 million for fall/winter payments for the 1999-00 school year.
- Table II-C gives the 1998-99 and 1999-00 State fiscal year appropriations from the General Fund, School Tax Relief Fund, and Lottery Fund.

TABLE II-A

SUMMARY OF AIDS FINANCED THROUGH GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 APPROPRIATIONS -- 1998-99 AND 1999-00 SCHOOL YEARS -- NEW YORK STATE

AID CATEGORY	1998-99	1999-00	Change	
	School Year	School Year	Amount	Percent
I. Formula-based Aids:	(----- Amounts in Millions -----)			
Operating Aid	\$5,802.44	\$5,928.66	\$126.22	2.18 %
Tax Effort	191.74	194.99	3.25	1.70
Tax Equalization	465.66	536.15	70.49	15.14
Transition Adjustment	(330.09)	(393.50)	(63.41)	NA
Subtotal Major Operating Aids	\$6,129.75	\$6,266.30	\$136.55	2.23 %
Operating Standards Aid	81.84	102.24	20.40	24.93
Gifted & Talented	14.14	15.12	0.98	6.93
Limited English Proficiency	58.85	69.34	10.49	17.82
Extraordinary Needs Aid	653.54	665.88	12.34	1.89
Computer Hardware	15.21	18.12	2.91	19.13
Textbooks (Incl. Lottery)	133.08	151.48	18.40	13.83
Computer Software	14.14	18.48	4.34	30.69
Library Materials	12.66	15.26	2.60	20.54
ERSSA	60.31	66.39	6.08	10.08
Excess Cost - Public	1,582.86	1,639.17	56.31	3.56
Excess Cost - Private	128.83	133.15	4.32	3.35
Special Services	144.04	143.83	(0.21)	(0.15)
Transportation	760.88	828.12	67.24	8.84
Building	831.57	1,116.04	284.47	34.21
Reorganization Incentive	41.10	42.91	1.81	4.40
Growth Aid/Other Aids	30.87	53.78 (a)	22.91	74.21
BOCES	385.88	425.95	40.07	10.38
Full-Day K	13.16	8.31	(4.85)	(36.85)
Pre-Kindergarten	56.88	100.09 (b)	43.21	75.97
Minor Maintenance	49.86	49.97	0.11	0.22
Shared Services for Big 5	3.50	10.00	6.50	185.71
Education Technology Incentive	9.00	24.99	15.99	177.67
Class Size Reduction	0.00	76.45 (b)	76.45	NA
Tax Limitation	0.00	25.02 (b)	25.02	NA
Subtotal	\$11,211.96	\$12,066.39	\$854.43	7.62
Teacher Support Aid	0.00	67.48	67.48	NA
	\$11,211.96	\$12,133.87	\$921.91	8.22% %
II. Grant Programs and Other Aid Categories:				
Aid to Small City School Dists.	81.88	81.88	0.00	0.00
Urban-Suburban Transfer	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00
Employment Preparation Education	96.18	96.18	0.00	0.00
Homeless Pupils	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Incarcerated Youth	11.00	10.50	(0.50)	(4.55)
Reorganization Study Program	1.28	0.00	(1.28)	(100.00)
Bilingual	11.20	11.20	0.00	0.00
Magnet Schools	134.67	134.97	0.30	0.22
Categorical Reading	63.95	63.95	0.00	0.00
Improving Pupil Performance	66.35	66.35	0.00	0.00
Fort Drum	2.63	2.63	0.00	0.00
Comptroller Audits	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
Education of OMH/OMR Pupils	22.00	20.00	(2.00)	(9.09)
CIMS	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00
AI/DP Grants	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00
Special School Districts	1.80	1.70	(0.10)	(5.56)
Chargebacks	(18.00)	(18.00)	0.00	0.00
Tuition Adjustment	1.18	1.18	0.00	0.00

AID CATEGORY	1998-99	1999-00	Change	
	School Year	School Year	Amount	Percent
II. Grant Programs and Other Aid Categories:	(----- Amounts in Millions -----)			
CVEEB	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00
BOCES Aid for Special Act Districts	0.66	0.66	0.00	0.00
Learning Technology Grants	3.29	3.29	0.00	0.00
Shared Services Incentive	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00
Native American Building	1.95	1.70	(0.25)	(12.82)
Bus Driver Safety	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00
Allowance for Prior Year Adj.	40.00	36.55 (c)	(3.45)	(8.63)
Subtotal	<u>532.37</u>	<u>525.09</u>	<u>(7.28)</u>	<u>(1.37)</u>
SCHOOL YEAR TOTAL	\$11,744.33	\$12,658.96	\$914.63	7.79
Proration Adjustment		(1.56)	(1.56)	
	<u>\$11,744.33</u>	<u>\$12,657.40</u>	<u>\$913.07</u>	<u>7.77 %</u>
RESCUE	0.00	145.00	145.00	NA
Federal Class Size Reduction	0.00	104.49	104.49	NA

- (a) Other aids include Stabilization Aid (\$4.0 million) and Prior Year Adjustments (\$27.75 million).
(b) Pre-Kindergarten Expansion, Class Size Reduction and Tax Limitation aids to be prorated by \$1.56 million to avoid exceeding amounts appropriated.
(c) \$3.45 million included in Other Aids above.

Source: State Education Department computer runs of August 1999.

TABLE II-B

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 1999-00 STATE FISCAL YEAR DISBURSEMENTS
 (4/1/99-3/31/00)

	Remaining 1998-99 School Year Payments (Spring)	1999-00 School Year Payments (Fall/Winter)	Total 1999-00 SFY Disbursements
	(-----Amounts in Millions-----)		
Payments Due	\$3,558.79	\$8,963.61	
LGAC Adjustment	(378.20)	---	
Net Payable	\$3,180.59	\$8,963.61	<u>\$12,144.20</u>

Source: State Education Department and the Division of the Budget
 projections of August 1999.

TABLE II-C
1998-99 AND 1999-00 STATE FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL & SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

State Education Department Aid to Localities Appropriation	Change			
	1998-99	1999-00	Amount	Percent
School Aid and STAR	\$12,127,592,000	\$13,531,205,000	\$1,403,613,000	11.57 %
General Support for Public Schools	9,358,688,000	10,113,213,000	754,525,000	8.06
BOCES	368,744,000	393,454,000	24,710,000	6.70
Employment Preparation Education	96,180,000	96,180,000	0	0.00
Remaining School Capital Needs for the 1998-99 School Year	0	15,000,000	15,000,000	NA
Minor Maintenance	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	0.00
Remaining Pre-Kindergarten Obligations for the 1998-99 School Year	0	23,878,000	23,878,000	NA
Pre-Kindergarten Programs	35,000,000	70,000,000	35,000,000	100.00
Class Size Reduction	0	52,500,000	52,500,000	NA
Total General Fund	9,893,612,000	10,799,225,000	905,613,000	9.15
STAR: School Tax Relief Fund	704,000,000	1,387,000,000	683,000,000	97.02
Lottery Fund	1,529,980,000	1,344,980,000	(185,000,000)	(12.09)
Other Public Elementary and Secondary Education Programs	\$209,775,837	\$217,653,700	\$7,877,863	3.76 %
Prekindergarten	50,200,000	50,200,000	0	0.00
Children of Migrant Workers	90,000	90,000	0	0.00
Teacher Resource & Computer Centers	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	0.00
Effective Schools Consortia	1,889,200	1,889,200	0	0.00
Transferring Success	629,800	629,800	0	0.00
Adult Basic Education	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	0.00
Professional Development Grants	1,500,000	5,000,000	3,500,000	233.33
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	NA
New York City Peer Intervention Program	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	NA
Adult Literacy Education	3,324,700	3,324,700	0	0.00
Parenting Education	506,400	506,400	0	0.00
Youth at Risk	5,325,500	5,325,500	0	0.00
Missing Children Prevention Education	900,000	900,000	0	0.00
AIDS Education	990,000	990,000	0	0.00
Workplace Literacy	1,376,100	1,376,100	0	0.00
Apprenticeship Training	1,830,000	1,830,000	0	0.00
Lunch/Breakfast Programs	31,700,000	31,700,000	0	0.00
Education of Native Americans	15,047,000	15,047,000	0	0.00
Schools as Community Sites	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	0.00
Comprehensive School Health Demonstration	525,000	525,000	0	0.00
Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention	15,200,000	20,200,000	5,000,000	32.89
School Health Demonstration Projects	150,000	150,000	0	0.00
Schools Under Registration Review	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0.00
Primary Mental Health Project	570,000	570,000	0	0.00
Summer Food Program	3,300,000	3,300,000	0	0.00
Child Development Center of the Hamptons	0	50,000	50,000	NA
Community School District 11	0	100,000	100,000	NA
Community School District 31	0	200,000	200,000	NA
Cornwall Library	0	75,000	75,000	NA
Institute for Student Achievement	0	950,000	950,000	NA
IS 192	0	30,000	30,000	NA
Jamestown City School District	0	70,000	70,000	NA
Mount Vernon School District	0	30,000	30,000	NA
New Rochelle School District	0	30,000	30,000	NA
New York Council for the Humanities	0	150,000	150,000	NA
Newburgh Teacher Center	0	76,000	76,000	NA
Pelham School District	0	30,000	30,000	NA
PS 14	0	30,000	30,000	NA
PS 14, Yonkers	0	15,000	15,000	NA
PS 71	0	30,000	30,000	NA
PS 72	0	30,000	30,000	NA
PS 81	0	10,000	10,000	NA
Public TV Stations	0	250,000	250,000	NA
Ramapo, Catskill Library System	0	25,000	25,000	NA
Salamanca City School District	0	70,000	70,000	NA
Syosett School District	0	80,000	80,000	NA

Utica Magnet School	0	400,000	400,000	NA
Warwick Valley Central School District	0	200,000	200,000	NA
Consortium for Worker Education	7,500,000	8,000,000	500,000	6.67
Irish Potato Famine Curriculum	100,000	100,000	0	0.00
Charter School Stimulus Fund	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	NA
Teacher-Mentor Intern	3,000,000	0	(3,000,000)	(100.00)
Grants to Certain School Districts, BOCES, and Other Programs	30,822,137	27,069,000	(3,753,137)	(12.18)
Add'l Magnet Schools	300,000 (a)	0	(300,000)	(100.00)

Other School Programs	1998-99	1999-00	Amount	Percent
	<u>\$650,844,000</u>	<u>\$638,343,000</u>	<u>(\$12,501,000)</u>	<u>(1.92) %</u>
Nonpublic School Aid	55,000,000	53,800,000	(1,200,000)	(2.18)
Private Blind & Deaf Schools (G.F.)	90,200,000	92,223,000	2,023,000	2.24
Private Blind & Deaf Schools (Lott.)	20,000	20,000	0	0.00
Preschool Handicapped	510,510,000	536,100,000	25,590,000	5.01
Court Order-Birth to Two (b)	19,000,000	16,500,000	(2,500,000)	(13.16)
Summer School Handicapped	155,914,000	163,700,000	7,786,000	4.99
Less: Special Education Medicaid Offset	(172,300,000)	(216,000,000)	(43,700,000)	25.36
Less: Consortium for Worker Education Offset	<u>(7,500,000)</u>	<u>(8,000,000)</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>6.67</u>
Fiscal Year Total (excluding Hurd Loans)	<u>\$12,988,211,837</u>	<u>\$14,387,201,700</u>	<u>\$1,398,989,863</u>	<u>10.77 %</u>
Advances to Hurd City School Districts (c)	<u>14,115,000</u>	<u>13,029,000</u>	<u>(1,086,000)</u>	<u>(7.69)</u>
FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	<u>\$13,002,326,837</u>	<u>\$14,400,230,700</u>	<u>\$1,397,903,863</u>	<u>10.75 %</u>

(a) For 1999-00 the \$300,000 amount is included within General Support for Public Schools.

(b) A reappropriation was provided in the 1998-99 enacted budget for this program and is continued here.

(c) As loans, these appropriations do not impact the financial plan.

Source: Laws of the State of New York: Chapters 53 and 58, Laws of 1998; Chapters 53 and 405, Laws of 1999.

General Effects of Formula Changes: Statewide, New York City, Big Five Cities and Rest of State

Enacted school aid provisions will increase payments to 615 major school districts, through 29 combined aid categories, by \$942.86 million in the 1999-00 school year. There are 67 districts that are projected to have losses of \$20.95 million. The combined total of increases and losses produce a net increase statewide of \$921.91 million, or 8.22 percent.

- Table II-D lists the aid amounts allocated to each of the Big Five city school districts under 29 selected General Support programs. The aids analyzed are those shown in Table II-A. The table shows that Yonkers had the largest percentage increase (17.78 percent) of the Big Five cities.
- Table II-E lists changes in all General Support individual aid categories for New York City. The net increase for all aids is 8.02 percent.
- In Table II-F, 29 major 1999-00 aid categories have been combined to show the overall impact upon school districts in the State's 18 most populous counties, New York City, and the rest of the State.

The State average increase for these aids will be 8.22 percent. The 370 districts in the 18 most populous counties contain 46.99 percent of the State's public school pupils. These districts will receive 43.32 percent of the 1999-00 combined aids total. Districts in the 18 most populous counties will have an average combined aids increase of 7.82 percent. Districts in the rest of the State, exclusive of New York City, will have an average increase of 8.86 percent and will receive 20.84 percent of the 1999-00 combined aids total.

TABLE II-D
SUMMARY OF SELECTED AIDS TO THE BIG FIVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FINANCED THROUGH
GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPROPRIATIONS: 1998-99 AND 1999-00

AID CATEGORY	New York City		Buffalo		Rochester		Syracuse		Yonkers	
	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00
I. Formula-based Aids:	(-----Amounts in Millions-----)									
Major Operating Aids	\$2,177.41	\$2,238.37	\$160.97	\$160.97	\$92.15	\$95.28	\$67.76	\$69.66	\$16.71	\$18.27
Operating Standards	33.12	43.58	1.68	2.28	1.48	1.80	0.95	1.25	0.50	0.76
Gifted & Talented	5.45	5.42	0.24	0.24	0.19	0.19	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13
Limited English Proficiency	46.12	53.88	1.45	1.79	1.43	1.82	0.59	0.75	0.97	1.23
Extraordinary Needs Aid	404.85	404.85	21.19	21.19	22.64	22.64	7.52	7.81	7.04	8.49
ERSSA	29.84	33.19	1.78	1.98	1.68	1.83	0.80	0.90	0.44	0.60
Computer Hardware	6.38	7.53	0.36	0.43	0.29	0.33	0.19	0.22	0.06	0.12
Transportation	207.07	221.45	25.30	25.12	22.19	24.38	8.17	8.73	5.63	7.35
Building	243.26	289.11	7.66	3.90	18.38	17.49	6.82	7.30	2.15	4.13
Textbook/Software/Library Mats	65.80	74.34	2.74	3.33	2.15	2.63	1.10	1.19	1.53	1.76
Excess Cost - Public & Private	592.37	612.17	49.27	49.76	41.08	47.28	23.52	23.53	14.54	17.15
Special Services	118.03	116.17	10.99	11.60	5.31	5.97	6.01	6.18	3.69	3.91
Growth Aid/Other Aids	2.69	24.30	0.00	3.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.77
Full-Day K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre-Kindergarten (a)	42.37	66.85	3.06	2.89	2.23	4.63	1.30	1.26	0.71	1.34
Minor Maintenance	33.33	33.33	0.63	0.63	0.45	0.45	0.27	0.27	0.31	0.32
Education Technology Incentive	2.47	6.19	0.06	0.12	0.12	0.17	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.92
Shared Services for Big 5	2.94	7.14	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.46	0.24	0.28	0.18	2.11
Class Size Reduction (a)	0.00	47.86	0.00	2.46	0.00	2.63	0.00	1.62	0.00	2.33
Tax Limitation Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	4,013.50	4,285.73	287.38	292.53	211.91	229.98	125.38	131.11	55.27	71.70
Teacher Support Aid	0.00	62.71	0.00	1.74	0.00	1.08	0.00	0.81	0.00	1.15
	<u>\$4,013.50</u>	<u>\$4,348.44</u>	<u>\$287.38</u>	<u>\$294.27</u>	<u>\$211.91</u>	<u>\$231.06</u>	<u>\$125.38</u>	<u>\$131.92</u>	<u>\$55.27</u>	<u>\$72.85</u>
Change from 1998-99 School Year		\$334.94		\$6.89		\$19.15		\$6.54		\$17.58
Percent		8.35%		2.40%		9.04%		5.22%		31.81%
II. Other Aid Categories										
Magnet Schools	48.18	48.18	17.03	17.03	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	29.50	29.50
Categorical Reading	29.95	29.95	17.50	17.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.00
Improving Pupil Performance	36.20	36.20	10.50	10.50	6.95	6.95	3.60	3.60	9.10	9.10
Subtotal	114.33	114.33	45.03	45.03	23.45	23.45	20.60	20.60	43.60	43.60
TOTAL SELECTED AIDS	<u>\$4,127.83</u>	<u>\$4,462.77</u>	<u>\$332.41</u>	<u>\$339.30</u>	<u>\$235.36</u>	<u>\$254.51</u>	<u>\$145.98</u>	<u>\$152.52</u>	<u>\$98.87</u>	<u>\$116.45</u>
Change from 1998-99 School Year		\$334.94		\$6.89		\$19.15		\$6.54		\$17.58
Percent		8.11%		2.07%		8.14%		4.48%		17.78%
RESCUE	0.00	58.21	0.00	2.39	0.00	1.91	0.00	1.14	0.00	1.39
Federal Class Size Reduction	0.00	61.19	0.00	3.00	0.00	2.38	0.00	1.30	0.00	1.09

(a) May be prorated to avoid exceeding amounts appropriated. See Table II-A

Source: State Education Department computer runs of August 1999.

TABLE II-E

SUMMARY OF AIDS FINANCED THROUGH GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 APPROPRIATIONS -- 1998-99 AND 1999-00 SCHOOL YEARS -- NEW YORK CITY

AID CATEGORY	1998-99	1999-00	Change	
	School Year	School Year	Amount	Percent
I. Formula-based Aids:	(----- Amounts in Millions -----)			
Operating Aid	\$2,217.87	\$2,277.85	\$59.98	2.70 %
Tax Effort	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Tax Equalization	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Transition Adjustment	(40.46)	(39.48)	0.98	NA
Subtotal Major Operating Aids	<u>\$2,177.41</u>	<u>\$2,238.37</u>	<u>\$60.96</u>	<u>2.80 %</u>
Operating Standards Aid	33.12	43.58	10.46	31.58
Gifted & Talented	5.45	5.43	(0.02)	(0.37)
Limited English Proficiency	46.12	53.88	7.76	16.83
Extraordinary Needs Aid	404.84	404.84	0.00	0.00
Computer Hardware	6.38	7.53	1.15	18.03
Textbooks (Incl. Lottery)	54.74	62.75	8.01	14.63
Computer Software	5.91	6.20	0.29	4.91
Library Materials	5.16	5.39	0.23	4.46
ERSSA	29.84	33.19	3.35	11.23
Excess Cost - Public	540.67	561.62	20.95	3.87
Excess Cost - Private	51.70	50.55	(1.15)	(2.22)
Special Services: Career Ed.	82.84	81.48	(1.36)	(1.64)
Computer Admin.	35.19	34.69	(0.50)	(1.42)
Transportation	207.07	221.45	14.38	6.94
Building	243.26	289.11	45.85	18.85
Growth Aid/Other Aids	2.69	24.30	21.61	803.35
Full-Day K	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Pre-Kindergarten	42.37	66.85 (a)	24.48	57.78
Minor Maintenance	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00
Shared Services for Big 5	2.94	7.14	4.20	142.86
Education Technology Incentive	2.47	6.19	3.72	150.61
Class Size Reduction	0.00	47.86 (a)	47.86	NA
Tax Limitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Subtotal	<u>4,013.50</u>	<u>4,285.73</u>	<u>272.23</u>	<u>6.78</u>
Teacher Support Aid	0.00	62.71	62.71	NA
	<u>\$4,013.50</u>	<u>\$4,348.44</u>	<u>\$334.94</u>	<u>8.35% %</u>
II. Grant Programs and Other Aid Categories:				
Employment Preparation Education	28.80	28.80	0.00	0.00
Homeless Pupils	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Incarcerated Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Bilingual	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.00
Magnet Schools	48.18	48.18	0.00	0.00
Categorical Reading	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
Improving Pupil Performance	36.20	36.20	0.00	0.00
Education of OMH/OMR Pupils	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00
CIMS	1.06	1.06	0.00	0.00
Chargebacks	(5.00)	(5.00)	0.00	0.00
Learning Technology Grants	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00
Allowance for Prior Year Adj.	16.00	16.00 (b)	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	<u>164.42</u>	<u>164.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
SCHOOL YEAR TOTAL	<u>\$4,177.92</u>	<u>\$4,512.86</u>	<u>\$334.94</u>	<u>8.02 %</u>
RESCUE	0.00	58.21	58.21	NA
Federal Class Size Reduction	0.00	61.19	61.19	NA

(a) May be prorated to avoid exceeding amounts appropriated. See Table II-A.

(b) An additional \$24.3 million in Prior Year Adjustment moneys is included with Other Aids above.

Source: State Education Department computer runs of August 1999.

TABLE II-F

CHANGE IN COMBINED MAJOR AIDS (a) FOR 1998-99 AND 1999-00 SCHOOL YEARS:
18 MOST POPULOUS COUNTIES, NEW YORK CITY AND REST OF STATE

AREA	No. of Dts.	Percent of Total State TAPU (b)	1999-00 Combined Aids			Change in Aid from 1998-99 to 1999-00		Number of Districts	
			1998-99 Combined Aids	Amount	Percent of State Total	Amount	Percent	With Aid Increases	With Aid Decreases
(----- Dollar Amounts in Thousands -----)									
Albany	13	1.41%	\$117,259	\$126,614	1.04%	\$9,355	7.98%	12	1
Broome	12	1.18	139,914	156,479	1.29	16,565	11.84	12	0
Chautauqua	18	0.91	142,577	169,504	1.40	26,927	18.89	17	1
Dutchess	13	1.52	146,066	153,367	1.26	7,301	5.00	12	1
Erie	28	5.03	627,017	652,278	5.38	25,261	4.03	25	3
Monroe	18	4.26	492,988	536,916	4.42	43,928	8.91	17	1
Nassau	56	6.93	441,303	486,334	4.01	45,031	10.20	52	4
Niagara	10	1.29	188,560	204,830	1.69	16,270	8.63	8	2
Oneida	15	1.36	201,868	211,023	1.74	9,155	4.54	10	5
Onondaga	18	2.75	327,973	352,282	2.90	24,309	7.41	16	2
Orange	17	2.16	250,111	268,269	2.21	18,158	7.26	17	0
Rensselaer	11	0.83	122,194	126,430	1.04	4,236	3.47	10	1
Rockland	8	1.41	108,205	116,000	0.96	7,795	7.20	6	2
Saratoga	12	1.23	141,285	150,065	1.24	8,780	6.21	10	2
Schenectady	6	0.76	83,473	90,895	0.75	7,422	8.89	6	0
Suffolk	66	8.33	987,850	1,060,880	8.74	73,030	7.39	62	4
Ulster	9	0.98	104,457	110,126	0.91	5,669	5.43	9	0
Westchester	40	4.64	251,635	283,601	2.34	31,966	12.70	38	2
18 Most Populous Counties	370	46.99%	\$4,874,735	\$5,255,893	43.32%	\$381,158	7.82%	339	31
New York City	1	37.56	4,013,503	4,348,433	35.84	334,930	8.35	1	0
Rest of State	311	15.45	2,323,722	2,529,547	20.84	205,825	8.86	275	36
TOTAL STATE	682	100.00%	\$11,211,960	\$12,133,873	100.00%	\$921,913	8.22%	615	67

(a) Includes comprehensive operating, extraordinary needs, limited English proficiency, public and private school excess cost aids, educationally related support services (including speech therapy), reorganization incentive (operating and building), hardware, computer software, textbook, library materials, gifted and talented, operating standards, tax equalization, tax effort, transition adjustment, special services, transportation, building, BOCES, growth aid, other aids, full-day k, minor maintenance, shared services, education technology incentive, teacher support aid, pre-kindergarten, class size reduction and tax limitation aid. The last three aid categories will be prorated to avoid exceeding amounts appropriated. See Table II-A.

(b) The TAPU for payment pupil count used for the 1999-00 operating aid.

Source: State Education Department computer runs of August 1999.

III

APPENDICES

The third section consists of four appendices. Each of the appendices is described below.

- Appendix III-A summarizes the School Aid formulas and adjustments enacted for 1999-00 and compares them with the 1998-99 formulas.
- Appendix III-B provides the mathematical formulas for computing 30 different aids for 1999-00 school aid payments.
- Appendix III-C describes the pupil counts used in aid formulas.
- Appendix III-D describes the payment schedule for aids payable under section 3609 of the Education Law in the 1999-00 school year.

APPENDIX III-A

COMPARISON OF 1998-99 AND 1999-00 GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING AID</u>		
Formula Ceiling	\$3,900 plus an amount equal to the product of (i) the lesser of \$8,000 or 1996-97 approved operating expense per pupil minus \$3,900 and (ii), the greater of 7.5 percent or .075/CWR.	Same except for use of 1997-98 approved operating expense per pupil.
Flat Grant	\$400	Same
Wealth Measure	Adjusted, so that 1995 Actual Valuation is used and, in the calculation of borough aid for New York City, a portion of Manhattan's property wealth is allocated proportionately to the other four boroughs using a factor of 0.001 percent. ¹	Same, except for the use of 1996 Actual Valuation ²

¹ A district's Combined Wealth Ratio for 1998-99 is equal to: (.5 x District Pupil Wealth Ratio) + (.5 x District Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio). The district Pupil Wealth Ratio is equal to: $\frac{(1995 \text{ Actual Valuation})}{$

$$\frac{1996-97 \text{ TWPU}}{\$246,400} ; \text{ and the}$$

Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio is equal to: $\frac{1995 \text{ District Income}/1996-97 \text{ TWPU}}{\$86,400}$

² A district's Combined Wealth Ratio for 1999-00 is equal to: (.5 x District Pupil Wealth Ratio) + (.5 x District Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio). The district Pupil Wealth Ratio is equal to: $\frac{(1996 \text{ Actual Valuation})}{$

$$\frac{1997-98 \text{ TWPU}}{\$243,800} ; \text{ and the}$$

Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio is equal to: $\frac{1996 \text{ District Income}/1997-98 \text{ TWPU}}{\$91,700}$

Beginning with the 1997-98 school year, income and actual valuation data moved back one year from the previous year-prior-to-the-base-year data. The Actual Valuation (AV) for calculating a district's property wealth per pupil for 1997-98 was 1994 AV. The income wealth per pupil calculation used the 1994 Adjusted Gross Income of district residents. For the 1998-99 school year, 1995 Actual Valuation and Adjusted Gross Income was used. For the 1999-00 school year, 1996 Actual Valuation and Adjusted Gross Income will be used.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
State Share	A district's selected operating aid ratio is the greatest of: 1.37 - (1.23 * CWR) 1.00 - (0.64 * CWR) 0.80 - (0.39 * CWR) 0.51 - (0.22 * CWR) The maximum aid ratio is .90. For a district of average wealth (CWR = 1.000), the aid ratio is .41.	Same
Pupil Counts:		
Base	Average Daily Attendance excluding pupils placed in private schools for the disabled. ³	Same
Payment	Choice of base year or 2-year average	Same
Special Needs Pupils:		
Weightings	.25	Same
Tests Used	1984-85 -- 1985-86	Same
<u>EXTRAORDINARY NEEDS AID</u>		
Formula Ceiling	A minimum of 11% of the operating aid ceiling. If more than 74.5% of a district's enrolled students have extraordinary needs, the district receives more than 11% of its operating aid ceiling.	Same
Wealth Measure	Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio	Same
State Share	.60	Same
Save-Harmless	100% of base year	Same

³Since the 1997-98 school year the pupil count has been based on year-prior-to-the base year attendance. An enrollment index adjusts for year-to-year changes in pupil numbers.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
Pupil Count	The sum of the percentage of eligible K-6 free lunch applicants times 1997 enrollment (if K-6 lunch data is not available, the percentage of students scoring below the statewide reference point on the grade 3 and 6 PEP reading and math tests multiplied by 1997 enrollment), plus the number of Limited English Proficiency students, plus a sparsity factor based on a calculation of enrollment per square mile times 1997 enrollment.	Same except for use of 1998 enrollment.
<u>URBAN-SUBURBAN TRANSFER SUPPLEMENTATION</u>	If formula operating aid per pupil is greater in the district of residence, the district of attendance will receive urban-suburban transfer aid equal to formula operating aid per pupil that the district of residence would have received.	Same
<u>GIFTED AND TALENTED AID</u>		
Pupil Count	3% of ADA	Same
Ceiling	\$196	Same
<u>LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AID</u>		
Weighting	.160	.189
<u>TAX EQUALIZATION</u>		
Eligible Districts	A district's approved operating expense (AOE) divided by 1996-97 TAPU for Expense in excess of its operating aid per pupil must be greater than the amount generated by multiplying .01950 by the district's 1995 Actual Valuation divided by 1996-97 TWPU.	Same except for use of 1997-98 approved operating expense per pupil and 1996 Actual Valuation divided by 1997-98 TWPU.
Formula Ceiling	The positive remainder of the lesser of \$8,000 or 1996-97 AOE/TAPU for Expense, minus 1998-99 operating aid divided by Selected TAPU, plus .01950 multiplied by AV/TWPU.	Same except for the use of 1997-98 approved operating expense per pupil and 1999-00 operating aid.
Pupil Count	Selected TAPU.	Same

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>TAX EFFORT</u>		
Eligible Districts	A district's 1995 tax levy on residential real property including condominium property must be greater than 3% of the district's 1995 adjusted gross income. In addition, the district must have a Pupil Wealth Ratio less than 2.0.	The same except for the use of 1996 residential tax levy and the 1996 adjusted gross income.
Formula Ceiling	\$912.48	Same
Tax Effort Percent	The positive result of the 1995 tax levy on residential real property including condominium property divided by the 1995 adjusted gross income (but not greater than 7.00) minus 3.00, divided by 4.00.	The same except for the use of 1996 residential tax levy and the 1996 adjusted gross income.
Pupil Count	Selected TAPU.	Same
<u>TRANSITION ADJUSTMENT</u>		
	The sum of 1998-99 Operating, Tax Equalization, and Tax Effort is adjusted so that the sum of these aids and the transition adjustment will be no less than the sum of these aids in 1997-98 plus a wealth adjusted increase of at least 1.80% (up to a maximum of 2.50%) and no more than the greater of either (a) a 5.00% increase over 1997-98 or (b) 17.60% of the amount withheld by the transition cap.	The sum of 1999-00 Operating, Tax Equalization, and Tax Effort is adjusted so that the sum of these aids and the transition adjustment will be no less than the sum of these aids in 1998-99 and no more than the greater of either (a) a 2.80% increase over 1998-99 or (b) 7.80% of the amount withheld by the transition cap.
<u>EXCESS COST AID FOR DISABLED PUPILS</u>		
Public Excess Cost Aid:		
Ceiling Range for Aid	\$2,000 - \$7,110	Same
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same
State Share	.49	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.25	Same
High Cost Eligibility	4 x AOE/TAPU or \$10,000	Same
Save-Harmless	100% of Base Year (including declassification aid)	Same
Disabled Pupil Classifications	Three	Same

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
Private Excess Cost Aid:		
Ceiling Range for Aid	Tuition - Deduct	Same
Deduct	Local levy/Enrollment	Same
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same
State Share	.85	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.50	Same
Pupils	Attending private schools or State run schools	Same
State School Taper Ratio	(1-CWR)/.75	Same
<u>DECLASSIFICATION SUPPORT</u>		
<u>SERVICES AID</u>		
Ceiling	Basic Excess Cost Aid Per Pupil x 0.50	Same
Pupil Count	Base Year Pupils in Need	Same
<u>EDUCATIONALLY RELATED</u>		
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES AID</u>		
Ceiling(s)	\$335.00/\$500.00	\$335.00/\$635.00
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same
State Shares	Operating Aid Ratio and Public Excess Cost Aid Ratio	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.25	Same
Pupil Counts	9% of Selected TAPU and 15% of Selected TAPU times Extraordinary Needs percent in excess of 60%	Same
<u>BOCES AID</u>		
Wealth Measure	Actual Valuation/Full Year Attendance RWADA	Same
State Share	.49	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.36	Same
Salary Ceiling	\$30,000	Same
Millage Formula	8 mills	Same
Save-Harmless Provision	100% of 1967-68 Aid	Same
<u>FULL-DAY K INCENTIVE AID</u>		
Eligible Districts	A district that offers Full-Day Kindergarten to all students is eligible for aid if in 1996-97 <u>and</u> 1997-98 it had half-day kindergarten enrollment <u>or</u> if it had no kindergarten enrollment in 1996-97 <u>and</u> 1997-98.	A district that offers Full-Day Kindergarten to all students is eligible for aid if in 1996-97 <u>and</u> 1998-99 it had half-day kindergarten enrollment <u>or</u> if it had no kindergarten enrollment in 1996-97 <u>and</u> 1998-99.
Pupil Count	1998-99 Estimated Full-Day K Enrollment - 1997-98 Full-Day K Enrollment	1999-00 Estimated Full-Day K Enrollment - 1998-99 Full-Day K Enrollment
Aid Per Pupil	A district's operating aid per pupil.	Same

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>		<u>1999-00 School Year</u>	
<u>TRANSPORTATION AID</u>				
Wealth Measure	Actual Valuation/Full Year Attendance RWADA or a district's Combined Wealth Ratio		Same	
State Share	Te greater of: 1.01 - (.46 * AV/RWADA wealth ratio) or 1.263 * Operating Aid Ratio.		Same with the addition of a third State share choice (NYC excepted): 1.01 - (.46 * AV/enrollment wealth ratio)	
Sparsity Adjustment	(21 - enrollment/square mile)/317.88		Same	
Minimum Aid Ratio	.065		Same	
Maximum Aid Ratio	.90		Same	
Base	Approved Expenditures		Same	
Urban-Suburban Transfer	Approved expenditures of transportation of pupils in voluntary interdistrict programs.		Same	
<u>BUILDING AID</u>				
Wealth Measure	Actual Valuation/Full Year Attendance RWADA		Same	
Aid Ratio Choice	Aid Ratio	Actual Valuation/RWADA Data Used	Aid Ratio	Actual Valuation/RWADA Data Used
	<u>Year</u>		<u>Year</u>	
	1998-99	95AV/96-7 RWADA	1999-00	96AV/97-98 RWADA
	1997-98	94AV/95-6 RWADA	1998-99	95AV/96-97 RWADA
	1996-97	Selected AV	1997-98	94AV/95-96 RWADA
	1995-96	Selected AV	1996-97	Selected AV
	1994-95	Selected AV	1995-96	Selected AV
	1993-94	Selected AV	1994-95	Selected AV
	1992-93	Selected AV	1993-94	Selected AV
	1991-92	Selected AV	1992-93	Selected AV
	1990-91	Selected AV	1991-92	Selected AV
	1989-90	Selected AV	1990-91	Selected AV
	1988-89	1986-87 & 85-86	1989-90	Selected AV
			1988-89	1986-87 & 85-86
	1987-88	1985-86	1987-88	1985-86
	1986-87	1984-85	1986-87	1984-85
	1985-86	1983-84	1985-86	1983-84
	1984-85	1982-83	1984-85	1982-83
	1983-84	1981-82	1983-84	1981-82
	1982-83	1980-81	1982-83	1980-81
	1981-82	1979-80	1981-82	1979-80
Base	Approved Expenditures		Same	

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
Additional Adjustments	For aid payable in 1998-99 and after for new projects approved by the voters after 7/1/98 districts will receive an additional 10 percent State reimbursement. In addition, cost allowances on all contracts awarded after 7/1/98 will be adjusted to reflect regional costs for school districts in high cost areas of the State.	Same
<u>REORGANIZATION INCENTIVE AID</u>		
Prior to July 1, 1983		
Operating Aid:		
Additional Percentage (5 years)	10%	Same
Taper	1%/9 years	Same
Building Aid:		
Additional Percentage	25%	Same
Effective July 1, 1983		
Operating Aid:		
Additional Percentage (5 years)	20%	Same
Taper	2%/9 years	Same
Building Aid:		
Additional Percentage	30%	Same
Effective July 1, 1992		
Operating Aid:		
Additional Percentage (5 years)	40%	Same
Taper	4%/9 years	Same
Eligibility Date:		
New Projects	July 1, 2000	Same
Study Grants	Up to \$50,000 per study; up to \$20,000 for Collaborative Service Delivery System Efficiency Study Grants, including single district administrative and operational reviews.	None
<u>SPECIAL SERVICES AID</u>		
Career Education Aid:		
State Share	.41	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.36	Same
Ceiling	\$3,720	Same
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
Computer Administration Aid:		
State Share	.49	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.30	Same
Ceiling	\$62.30/pupil	Same
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AID</u>	Based on approved expense (up to an amount equal to \$10.61 x TAPU x current year building aid ratio)	Based on approved expense (up to an amount equal to \$12.70 x TAPU x current year building aid ratio)
<u>TEXTBOOK AID</u>	Up to \$40.90 per public and nonpublic pupil (district of residence)	Up to \$46.87 per pupil and nonpublic pupil (district of residence)
<u>COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID</u>	Up to \$4.58 per public and nonpublic pupil (district of attendance)	Up to \$7.55 per pupil and nonpublic pupil (district of attendance)
<u>LIBRARY MATERIALS AID</u>	Up to \$4 per public and nonpublic pupil (district of attendance)	Up to \$6 per pupil and nonpublic pupil (district of attendance)
<u>GROWTH AID</u>	Growth Index in excess of 1.004 * Operating Aid ⁴	Same
<u>SMALL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AID</u>	\$81.88 million. For the 1998-99 school year a district's <u>Hurd</u> aid was the same as its 1997-98 aid	\$81.88 million. For the 1999-00 school year a district's <u>Hurd</u> aid is the same as its 1998-99 aid.
Save-Harmless	Base Year Small City School District Aid x (.98 - .02 x Years on Save Harmless)	Same
<u>EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION EDUCATION AID</u>		
Ceiling	\$6.05/contact hour	\$6.25/contact hour ⁵
Wealth Measure	AV/TWPU	Same
State Share	.60	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.40	Same
Pupil Count	Contact Hours	Same

⁴For the 1997-98 school year and after the Growth Index is defined as a measure of enrollment rather than attendance.

⁵For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$96.18 million, the same as in 1998-99.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>SHARED SERVICES AID FOR BIG</u>		
<u>5 CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS⁶</u>		
Eligible Districts	Big Five City schools and other districts that are non-components of BOCES	Same
Wealth Measure	Actual Valuation/Full Year Attendance RWADA	Same
State Share	The greater of: 1 - (.008/District Actual Valuation Tax Rate) or 1 - (.51 x AV/RWADA Wealth Ratio)	Same
Minimum Aid Ratio	.36	Same
Maximum Ratio	.90	Same
Base	Approved expenditures for instructional support services.	Same
<u>EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		
<u>INCENTIVE AID⁷</u>		
Wealth Measure	Actual Valuation/Full Year Attendance RWADA	Same
State Share	The greater of: 1 - (.008/District Actual Valuation Tax Rate) or the Building Aid Ratio for 1998-99 Aid.	Same except for the use of the Building Aid Ratio for 1999-00.
Minimum Aid Ratio	.36	
Base	Approved expenditures for instructional computer technology equipment that are not eligible for building aid or claimed under any other technology aid or BOCES aid.	Same Same

⁶For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$10.00 million.

⁷For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$25.00 million.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>OPERATING STANDARDS AID</u>		
Formula Ceiling	\$6.00 plus the product of \$61.50 times the State share	\$7.50 plus the product of \$61.50 times the State share
Wealth Measure	Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio	Same
Expenditure Measure	Approved Operating Expense per pupil	Same
State Share	$1.00 - (.7 * ((.5 * APWR) + (.5 * \frac{AOE}{TAPU})))$ \$6,058	$1.00 - (.66 * ((.5 * APWR) + (.5 * \frac{AOE}{TAPU})))$ \$6,058
Minimum Aid Ratio Pupils	.078 Selected TAPU (Selected TAPU times 1.06 for districts with an Extraordinary Needs percent in excess of 60%)	Same Selected TAPU (Selected TAPU times 1.26 for districts with an Extraordinary Needs percent in excess of 60%)
<u>PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION AID⁸</u>		
Pupil Count	Estimated 1998-99 children not served by the State's experimental pre-kindergarten program and preschool children with disabilities receiving services for less than four hours a day	Estimated 1999-00 children not served by the State's experimental pre-kindergarten program and preschool children with disabilities receiving services for less than four hours a day
Wealth Measure	Combined Wealth Ratio	Same
Minimum/Maximum Per Child Amount	\$2,700, \$4,000	Same
<u>CATEGORICAL READING AID</u>	\$63.95 million	Same
<u>GRANTS FOR IMPROVING PUPIL PERFORMANCE</u>	\$66.35 million	Same
<u>FORT DRUM GRANTS</u>	\$2.63 million	Same
<u>MAGNET SCHOOL AID</u>	\$134.67 million	\$134.97 million
<u>COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CIMS) AID</u>	\$2.50 million (\$1.25 million to Big Five; \$1.25 million to BOCES)	Same
<u>ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT/DROPOUT PREVENTION GRANTS</u>	\$.95 million	Same

⁸For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$100.00 million.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>MINOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AID⁹</u>		
Maximum District Aid	A district's 1997-98 enrollment x the average age of its instructional facilities (compared to a statewide average) x its 1993-94 enrollment divided by its 1989-90 enrollment. This result is divided by the statewide sum of these values and then the district's ratio is multiplied by \$16,670,000	A district's 1998-99 enrollment x the average age of its instructional facilities (compared to a statewide average) x its 1993-94 enrollment divided by its 1989-90 enrollment. This result is divided by the statewide sum of these values and then the district's ratio is multiplied by \$16,670,000
Minimum District Aid	\$2,000	Same
<u>TAX LIMITATION AID¹⁰</u>		
Eligible Districts	None	A district's 1996 tax levy on residential real property including condominium property must be greater than 3.9% of the district's 1996 adjusted gross income. In addition, the district must have a Pupil Wealth Ratio less than 2.0.
State Share	None	.50
Wealth Measure	None	Combined Wealth Ratio
Formula Ceiling	None	.0305 multiplied by the 1996 residential tax levy per pupil

⁹For the 1999-00 school year, New York City's aid may not exceed \$33.33 million. Total aid is limited to \$50.00 million.

¹⁰For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$25.0 million.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1998-99 School Year</u>	<u>1999-00 School Year</u>
<u>CLASS SIZE REDUCTION AID¹¹</u>		
Eligible Districts	None	A district must have had an average class size greater than 20 pupils in 1993-94 in K or grades 1-3. The district must also have a current year Combined Wealth Ratio below 1.5 and an Extraordinary Needs percent greater than 40%.
Start-Up Grant	None	\$10,000
Basic Grant per Classroom	None	A district's 1994-95 median teacher salary (for teachers with 5 years of experience) multiplied by 1.0609 with the result multiplied by 1 + the district's 1994-95 fringe benefit rate
Phase-in Factor	None	Additional classrooms needed to reach a goal of 20 pupils per classroom multiplied by: New York City: 18.7% Big 4 Cities: 33.3% Rest of State: 40.0%
<u>INCARCERATED YOUTH</u>	\$11.0 million	\$10.5 million
<u>LEARNING TECHNOLOGY</u>	\$3.29 million	Same
<u>COMPTROLLER AUDITS</u>	\$.25 million	Same
<u>TEACHER SUPPORT AID</u>	None	\$67.48 million
<u>BUS DRIVER SAFETY</u>	\$.40 million	Same

¹¹For the 1999-00 school year, \$75.0 million is appropriated for this aid category.

APPENDIX III-B
MATHEMATICAL EXPLANATION OF AID FORMULAS

The mathematical formulas for calculating comprehensive operating aid, extraordinary needs aid, tax equalization aid, tax effort aid, the transition adjustment, gifted and talented aid, limited English proficiency aid, public and private excess cost aids, declassification support services aid, educationally related support services aid, special services aid, reorganization incentive operating aid, BOCES aid, transportation aid, building aid, reorganization incentive building aid, computer software aid, textbook aid, instructional computer hardware and technology equipment aid, library materials aid, growth aid, full-day K incentive aid, employment preparation education aid, incarcerated youth aid, minor maintenance aid, shared services aid for Big Five city school districts, education technology incentive aid, pre-kindergarten expansion aid, operating standards aid, class size reduction and tax limitation aid are presented in this appendix.

The State average wealth measures for use in the calculation of aid ratios for 1999-00 school year payments are:

1996 Actual Valuation/1997-98 TWPU	\$243,800
1996 Adjusted Gross Income/1997-98 TWPU	\$ 91,700
1996 Actual Valuation/1997-98 RWADA	\$291,500

Note that all aid ratios are assumed to have a minimum of .000 and a maximum of 1.000 unless otherwise stated.

Details of pupil counts appear in Appendix III-C. Pupil count abbreviations frequently used in this appendix include:

TAPU.....Total Aidable Pupil Units
TWPU.....Total Wealth Pupil Units
ADA.....Average Daily Attendance
RWADA.....Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance

COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING AID

A district's operating aid is determined by first calculating its "formula aid" and comparing it with the minimum "flat grant" guarantee.

Formula Aid/"Flat Grant" Guarantee

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 12

Each district receives the greater of:

- (i) "Formula Aid"
- (ii) \$400 x Selected TAPU ("Flat Grant Provision")

Formula Operating Aid = (\$3,900 + Ceiling Adjustment) x Operating Aid Ratio x Selected TAPU for payment

Ceiling Adjustment = The lesser of \$8,000 or 1997-98 approved operating expense per pupil minus \$3,900 x the greater of 7.5 percent or .075/CWR

Operating Aid Ratio = The highest of the following but not less than zero nor more than .90:

- 1.37 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x 1.23)
- 1.00 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x 0.64)
- 0.80 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x 0.39)
- 0.51 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x 0.22)

Combined Wealth Ratio = (.5 x Pupil Wealth Ratio) + (.5 x Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio)

Pupil Wealth Ratio =

$$\frac{1996 \text{ Actual Valuation}/1997-98 \text{ TWPU}}{\text{State Average Actual Valuation}/\text{TWPU}} \\ (\$243,800)$$

Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio =

$$\frac{\text{District 1996 Adjusted Gross Income}/1997-98 \text{ TWPU}}{\text{State Average Adjusted Gross Income}/\text{TWPU}} \\ (\$91,700)$$

Selected TAPU for Payment = The higher of 1998-99 TAPU or the average of 1997-98 and 1998-99 TAPU.

EXTRAORDINARY NEEDS AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 12

Extraordinary Needs Aid = (\$3,900 + Ceiling Adjustment) x Extraordinary Needs Aid Ratio x Extraordinary Needs Count x .11 x Concentration Factor

Ceiling Adjustment = The district's adjustment for Comprehensive Operating Aid

Extraordinary Needs Aid Ratio = 1 - (Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio x .40)

Extraordinary Needs Count = The sum of:

- (i) 1998-99 enrollment x percentage of K-6 eligible applicants for the free and reduced price lunch program as of October 1997. If K-6 data is not available, 1998-99 enrollment x percentage of pupils scoring below the statewide reference point on the grade 3 and 6 PEP reading and math tests for 1996-97.
- (ii) Limited English Proficiency students
- (iii) For districts operating a K-12 program, a sparsity count equal to 1998-99 enrollment times:

$$\frac{(25 - 1998-99 \text{ Enrollment/Square Mile})}{58}$$

and has no maximum

$$\text{Concentration Factor} = 1 + \frac{((\text{Extraordinary Needs Count}/1998-99 \text{ Enrollment}) - .745)}{.387}$$

The Concentration Factor may not be less than 1.

Save-Harmless Provision: 100% of the base year

TAX EQUALIZATION AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 16

$$\text{Tax Equalization Aid} = (\text{Expense Per Pupil} - \text{Tax Yield Per Pupil}) \times \text{Selected TAPU}$$

Expense Per Pupil in Excess of Operating Aid = The lesser of:

$$\frac{1997-98 \text{ Approved Operating Expense (AOE) or } \$8,000}{1997-98 \text{ TAPU for Expense}}$$

$$\text{minus } \frac{1999-00 \text{ Operating Aid}}{\text{Selected TAPU}}$$

$$\text{Tax Yield Per Pupil} = .01950 \times 1996 \text{ Actual Valuation}/1997-98 \text{ TWPU}$$

TAX EFFORT AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 16

Districts are eligible for Tax Effort Aid if their Pupil Wealth Ratio as computed for the Combined Wealth Ratio is below 2.000.

$$\text{Tax Effort Aid} = \$912.48 \times \text{Tax Effort Factor} \times \text{Selected TAPU}$$

Tax Effort Factor =

$$\frac{(1996 \text{ Tax levy on residential real property including condominiums} \times 100) - 3}{1996 \text{ Adjusted Gross Income}}$$

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The positive result of the tax levy divided by income and multiplied by 100 may not be greater than 7.

TRANSITION ADJUSTMENT

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 18

1. Aid Minimum: For aid payable in 1999-00 the sum of the aids generated for Operating Aid, Tax Effort and Tax Equalization Aids may not be less than 100.00 percent of the sum of such aids and the Transition Adjustment received in 1998-99.
2. Aid Maximum: For aid payable in 1999-00 the sum of the aids generated for Operating Aid, Tax Effort and Tax Equalization Aids may not be more than the greater of either 102.80 percent of the sum of such aids and the Transition Adjustment received in 1998-99 or the sum of such 1998-99 aids plus 7.8 percent of the difference of such aids for 1999-00 minus the sum of such aids and any transition adjustment payable in the 1998-99 school year.

GIFTED AND TALENTED AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 23

Any district conducting a gifted and talented program in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner is eligible to receive gifted and talented aid.

$$\text{Gifted and Talented Aid} = \$196 \times 3\% \text{ of } 1998-99 \text{ K-12 Adjusted ADA}$$

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AID (LEPA)

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 22

A district running programs for pupils with limited English proficiency may receive limited English proficiency aid. Program participants are those scoring below the 40th percentile on an English language assessment instrument.

$$\text{LEPA} = .189 \times 1999-00 \text{ Operating Aid per TAPU} \times 1998-99 \text{ Program Participants}$$

EXCESS COST AID FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 19

A district receives public excess cost aid for pupils with disabilities in programs run by public school districts or BOCES. Basic excess cost aid applies to all such programs. In addition, high cost excess cost aid provides aid for students in resource intensive programs. A total dollar save-harmless provision applies.

Basic Excess Cost Aid

All districts with pupils with disabilities in public school programs receive public school excess cost aid.

$$\text{Basic Excess Cost Aid} = \frac{\text{Aidable Expense}}{\text{Expense}} \times \frac{\text{Aid Ratio}}{\text{Ratio}} \times \frac{\text{Weighted Pupils}}{\text{with Disabilities}}$$

$$\text{Aidable Expense} = \frac{1997-98 \text{ Approved Operating Expenses (AOE)}}{1997-98 \text{ TAPU for Expense}}$$

Minimum: \$2,000

Maximum: Greater of State Average (\$6,250) or \$7,110

Excess Cost Aid Ratio = 1 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x .51)

Minimum: .250

Weighted Pupils: Pupils with disabilities are weighted according to the level of special services and programs that they are required to receive:

At least 60% of the day.....1.70
At least 20% of the week or five periods
(at least 180 minutes) per week.....0.90
Direct/Indirect Consultant Teacher.....0.90

High Cost Excess Cost Aid

Additional aid is available for public school pupils with disabilities in programs in which the cost exceeds the lesser of:

\$10,000

or

4 x AOE/TAPU (without limits)

Per Pupil Calculation:

High Cost Excess Approved Program AOE Excess Cost
Cost Aid = Cost - (3 x TAPU) x Aid Ratio

Save-Harmless Provision

A district is eligible to receive the greater of:

- (i) 1999-00 Basic Excess Cost Aid + High Cost Aid + Declassification Support Services Aid
- (ii) 1998-99 Total Public Excess Cost Aid

DECLASSIFICATION SUPPORT SERVICES AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 19, paragraph 7

Any district which provides support services to teachers and pupils in the first year that a pupil moves from a special education program to a full-time regular education program is eligible to receive declassification support services aid.

Declassification Support = Public Excess Cost x .50 x 1998-99 Pupils
Services Aid Aid Per Pupil in Need

EXCESS COST AID FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL PUPILS

Education Law, Section 4405, Subdivision 3, paragraphs a and b
Education law, Section 4401, Subdivision 6 and 7

A district receives private excess cost aid for pupils with disabilities in private school settings and the two State-operated schools. The aid is computed on a student-by-student basis, a district receiving private excess cost aid for each student.

Private Excess Cost Aid

$$\frac{\text{Private Excess Cost Aid} = \text{Aidable Cost} \times \text{Excess Cost Aid Ratio}}{\text{(per pupil)}}$$

$$\text{Aidable Cost} = \text{Tuition} - (\text{Basic Contribution per enrolled pupil})$$

$$\text{Excess Cost Aid Ratio} = 1 - (\text{Combined Wealth Ratio} \times .15)$$

Minimum: .50

Private Excess Cost Taper for Rome and Batavia Placements

Additional aid is available to districts with:

- (i) Continued pupil placements at the two State-operated schools for pupils originally placed at the two schools prior to July 1, 1990; and
- (ii) A combined wealth ratio of less than 1.0.

$$\frac{\text{Taper for Rome and Batavia Placements} = \text{Taper Aidable Cost} \times \text{Taper Aid Ratio}}$$

$$\text{Taper Aidable Cost} = \text{Tuition} - \text{Regular Private Excess Cost Aid}$$

$$\text{Taper Aid Ratio} = \frac{1.0 - (\text{Combined Wealth Ratio})}{.75}$$

Maximum: 1.0

EDUCATIONALLY RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES AID (ERSSA) INCLUDING SPEECH THERAPY

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 32

Any district which provides support services to nondisabled pupils intended to maintain their placement in a regular education program is eligible to receive educationally related support services aid. This program includes speech therapy services for nondisabled pupils. Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, services were expanded to include curriculum and instructional modification and direct student support team services. Eligibility for ERSSA services was expanded for the 1996-97 school year and after to include qualified handicapped persons under the Americans with Disabilities Act and any students with disabilities whose attendance does not generate any Excess Cost Aid. Eligible services were expanded to meet the needs of such students.

ERSSA = The sum of:

- (i) \$335.00 x Selected Operating Aid Ratio (.25 minimum) x 9.0 percent of Selected TAPU
- (ii) \$635.00 x Public Excess Cost Aid Ratio x 15.0 percent of Selected TAPU x Extraordinary Needs Percent (in excess of 60 percent)

SPECIAL SERVICES AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 17

Big 5 City school districts are eligible to receive career education aid and computer administration aid.

Career Education Aid = \$3,720 x Aid Ratio x Career Ed Pupils

Aid Ratio = 1 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x .59)

Minimum: .360

Career Education Pupils = 1998-99 Grade 10-12 ADA in a
Career Education Trade Sequence
+ .16 x Business Sequence ADA

Computer Administration Aid = (Expenses up to \$62.30 x Enrollment)
x Computer Expenses Aid Ratio

Enrollment = Fall 1998 public enrollment attending in the district

Computer Expenses Aid Ratio = 1 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x .51)

Minimum: .300

REORGANIZATION INCENTIVE OPERATING AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 14, paragraphs d and f

A district which has reorganized within the past 14 years is eligible to receive reorganization incentive operating aid in addition to its regular operating aid.

Reorganization Incentive = Formula Operating x Incentive
Operating Aid Aid Aid Percentage

The sum of Formula Operating Aid and Incentive Operating Aid may not exceed 95 percent of AOE.

Reorganization Prior to July 1, 1983:

Incentive Operating Aid was available for school districts which reorganized prior to July 1, 1983, for 14 years beginning with the first school year of operation as a reorganized district. For the first five years the Incentive Aid Percentage was 10 percent, and for the next nine years the percentage of such operating aid decreased 1 percent per year.

Reorganization After July 1, 1983:

For districts which reorganized after July 1, 1983, the reorganization percentage was 20 percent for a period of five years, to be reduced by 2 percent per year for nine years.

Reorganization After July 1, 1992:

For districts which reorganize after July 1, 1992, the reorganization percentage will be 40 percent for a period of five years, to be reduced by 4 percent per year for nine years.

BOCES AID

Education Law, Section 1950, Subdivision 5

Districts which are components of Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) are eligible to receive BOCES operating, capital, and rental aids, with the total subject to a save-harmless provision.

BOCES Operating Aid = Base Year Approved Expenses x Aid Ratio

Approved Expenses includes salaries of BOCES employees up to \$30,000

Aid Ratio = greater of:

- (i) $1 - \frac{.008}{\text{District Actual Valuation Tax Rate (Local Revenue/Actual Valuation)}}$
- (ii) $1 - \frac{(1996 \text{ Actual Valuation}/1997-98 \text{ RWADA}) \times .51}{\text{Statewide Average } (\$291,500)}$
- Minimum: .360
Maximum: .900

BOCES Capital Aid = 1999-00 Capital Expense x RWADA Aid Ratio

BOCES Rental Aid = 1999-00 Rental Expense x RWADA Aid Ratio

Save-Harmless Provision A district may receive the greater of:

- (i) 1999-00 BOCES Operating, Capital and Rental aids
(ii) BOCES aid received during 1967-68

TRANSPORTATION AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 7

Districts are allotted reimbursement for transportation expenses through the transportation aid formula.

Transportation Aid = $[\text{Aid Ratio} + \text{Sparsity Factor}] \times \text{Approved Transportation Expenses}$

Aid Ratio = greatest of three aid ratio calculations, two of which are based on a district's Actual Valuation per pupil:

- (i) $1.263 \times \text{Selected Operating Aid Ratio}$
- (ii) $1.010 - \frac{(1996 \text{ AV}/1997-98 \text{ RWADA}) \times .46}{\text{Statewide Average } (\$291,500)}$
- (iii) $1.010 - \frac{(1996 \text{ AV}/1997-98 \text{ Public \& Nonpublic Enrollment}) \times .46}{\text{Statewide Average } (\$250,200)}$

Minimum: .065
Maximum: .900

Sparsity Factor = $\frac{21.00 - 1997 \text{ Public Enrollment/Square Mile}}{317.88}$

Approved Transportation Expenses include:

- Health and life insurance
- Collision insurance
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Driver and mechanic salaries
- Supervisor and other salaries
- Operating and maintenance expenses
- Social Security payments on all salaries
- Full contract expenses
- Shuttle expenses
- Retirement benefits

- Computerized bus routing services
- Transportation of children to and from day care centers
- Transportation of pupils in voluntary interdistrict programs

but do not include:

- Transportation of pupils less than 1-1/2 miles from school
- Field trips
- Salaries of assistant drivers on regular buses (district operated programs)
- Salaries of drivers and mechanics who work on other than bus-type vehicles
- Expenditures for transportation to and from summer classes
- Bus purchase expenses exceeding the State contract price

BUILDING AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 6

School districts incurring debt service, capital or reserve fund expenses for approved building projects may receive building aid. Aid is available for expenses related to the installation of computer laboratory hardware and for the purchase of stationary metal detectors.

Building Aid = Aid Ratio x Approved Building Expenses

$$\text{Aid Ratio} = 1 - \frac{(1996 \text{ Actual Valuation}/1997-98 \text{ RWADA} \times .51)}{\text{Statewide Average } (\$291,500)}$$

$$\text{Approved Building Expenses} = 1999-00 \text{ New Debt Service and BANS expenses} + 1998-99 \text{ Estimated Approved Building Expense} + \text{the excess, if any, of 1998-99 BANS and new debt service expenditures claimed over expenditures reported on 11/15/98}$$

Selected Aid Ratio:

Districts may use the highest of the current year aid ratio or the aid ratio computed for use in any year commencing with the 1981-82 school year.

Incentive:

For aid payable in 1998-99 and after for new projects approved by the voters after 7/1/98 districts will receive an additional 10 percent State reimbursement. However, the sum of the incentive and the selected aid ratio may not exceed .950. In addition, cost allowances on all contracts awarded after 7/1/98 will be adjusted to reflect regional costs for school districts in high cost areas of the State.

REORGANIZATION INCENTIVE BUILDING AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 14, paragraphs e and f

For building projects related to reorganization, the district may receive reorganization incentive building aid in addition to its regular building aid.

Aid is paid on projects for which the general construction contract is signed prior to July 1, 2000 or within ten years from the effective date of the reorganization, whichever is later.

For districts reorganizing prior to July 1, 1983,

$$\frac{\text{Reorganization Incentive}}{\text{Building Aid}} = \text{Approved Expenses} \times \text{Building Aid Ratio} \times 25\%$$

For districts reorganizing after July 1, 1983,

$$\frac{\text{Reorganization Incentive}}{\text{Building Aid}} = \text{Approved Expenses} \times \text{Building Aid Ratio} \times 30\%$$

In no case may the sum of regular Building Aid plus Incentive Building Aid exceed 95 percent of approved expenditures.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID

Education Law, Section 751

All districts are eligible for computer software aid. The aid is for the purchase of computer software which a pupil is required to use as a learning aid in a particular class in the school the pupil attends.

$$\frac{\text{Computer Software Aid}}{\text{Enrollment}} = \frac{1998-99 \text{ Cost of Software}}{(\text{up to } \$7.55) \times 1997-98 \text{ Enrollment}}$$

Enrollment = Fall 1998 public and private school enrollment for the district of attendance plus BOCES and private school pupils in full-time programs for children with disabilities.

TEXTBOOK AID

Education Law, Section 701, Subdivisions 4, 6 and 7

All districts are eligible for textbook aid. The aid provided is to be used by districts to purchase textbooks to be made available to all resident enrolled pupils.

$$\frac{\text{Textbook Aid}}{\text{Enrollment}} = \frac{1998-99 \text{ Cost of Textbooks, not to exceed } \$46.87 \times 1998-99 \text{ Resident Public and Nonpublic School Enrollment}}{\text{Enrollment}}$$

INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 26

A district may be eligible for computer hardware aid to purchase or lease micro- and/or minicomputer equipment or terminals as well as technology equipment for instructional purposes. Schools may use up to 20 percent of hardware aid for the repair of instructional computer hardware and technology equipment or for training and staff development for instructional purposes.

Technology equipment is defined as equipment used in conjunction with or in support of educational programs including, but not limited to, video, solar energy, robotic, satellite or laser equipment.

Approved expenses for technology education equipment were first eligible for aid in the 1992-93 school year.

For aid from 1991-92 through 1999-00, the local match is eliminated.

$$\frac{\text{Hardware Aid}}{\text{Building Aid}} = \frac{\text{Approved Expenses (up to } \$12.70 \times \text{ Selected TAPU for payment)}}{\text{Current Year Building Aid Ratio}}$$

LIBRARY MATERIALS AID

Education Law, Section 711, Subdivision 4

All districts are eligible for library materials aid. The aid is provided to enable districts to purchase necessary library materials to be made available on an equitable basis to all pupils attending schools within such district.

$$\text{Library Materials Aid} = \frac{1998-99 \text{ Cost of Library Materials (up to \$6.00)}}{1998-99 \text{ Enrollment}}$$

Enrollment = Fall 1998 public and private school enrollment for the district of attendance plus BOCES and private school pupils in full-time programs for children with disabilities.

GROWTH AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 13

For the 1999-00 school year, growth aid is distributed to districts that are eligible due to an increase in enrollment. For any district whose growth index is greater than 1.004, the district also receives growth aid.

$$\text{Growth Aid} = (\text{Growth Index} - 1.004) \times \text{Operating Aid}$$

$$\text{Growth Index} = \frac{1999-00 \text{ Estimated Enrollment}}{1998-99 \text{ Enrollment}}$$

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INCENTIVE AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 12-a

Eligibility for Full-Day K Incentive Aid: If in 1996-97 and 1998-99 a district had half-day kindergarten enrollment or if a district had no kindergarten enrollment in 1996-97 and 1998-99.

$$\text{Full-Day K Incentive Aid} =$$

$$\frac{(1999-00 \text{ Estimated Full-Day K Enrollment} - 1998-99 \text{ Full-Day K Enrollment})}{\text{x Operating Aid per TAPU}}$$

EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION EDUCATION (EPE) AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 24

Districts are eligible for EPE aid for the attendance of pupils age 21 or older who have not received a high school diploma or equivalency diploma. Beginning in 1991-92, aid paid directly to BOCES for approved BOCES EPE programs is based on component districts' aid ratios. Beginning in 1995-96, the BOCES EPE aid ratio is based on the aggregate actual valuation and TWPU of the component districts of the BOCES. Adults can register with BOCES for participation at a BOCES site. Beginning in 1996-97, the BOCES EPE aid ratio is the greater of the EPE aid ratio based on the aggregate wealth of the component districts or 85 percent of the highest EPE aid ratio of a component district of the BOCES.

$$\text{EPE Aid} = \$6.25 \times \text{EPE Aid Ratio} \times \text{EPE Hours}$$

$$\text{EPE Aid Ratio} = 1 - (\text{Pupil Wealth Ratio} \times .40)$$

Minimum: .400

$$\text{Pupil Wealth Ratio} = \frac{1996 \text{ Actual Valuation}/1997-98 \text{ TWPU}}{\text{State Average } (\$243,800)}$$

$$\text{EPE Hours} = \text{Total hours of instruction for all students in EPE programs between July 1 and June 30 of the current year.}$$

EPE aid will be reduced if it and other State and Federal sources of aid for EPE programs exceed the entire cost of such program in that year.

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$96.18 million.

INCARCERATED YOUTH AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 35

All districts are eligible for incarcerated youth aid. The aid is provided to enable districts to educate students in local centers of detention.

$$\text{Incarcerated Youth Aid} = \frac{\text{AOE}}{\text{TAPU}} \times \text{Number of full-day program pupils} +$$

$$([\text{.5} \times \frac{\text{AOE}}{\text{TAPU}}]) \times \text{Number of half-day program pupils}$$

MINOR MAINTENANCE AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 6-d

For Districts Other Than New York City Maximum District Aid =

$$\frac{\text{District 1998-99 x Age of Facility x Long-Term Enrollment Index Growth Index}}{\text{Sum of Statewide Values (Without New York City)}} \times \$16,670,000$$

$$= 1,891,069$$

Minimum District Aid = \$2,000

$$\text{Age of Facility Index} = \frac{\text{Average Age of Facilities}}{\text{Statewide Average (Without New York City)}}$$

$$= 41$$

$$\text{Average Age of Facilities} = \frac{\text{Weighted Age of Square Footage}}{\text{Total Square Footage of all Instructional School Buildings}}$$

Weighted Age of Square Footage = The sum of (age of facility in 1994 x square footage of facility) for each instructional school building.

Long-Term Growth Index = A district's 1993-94 enrollment divided by its 1989-90 enrollment, but not less than 1.

For the 1999-00 school year, New York City's aid may not exceed \$33.33 million. Total aid is limited to \$50.00 million.

SHARED SERVICES AID FOR BIG 5 CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 20

This aid is available to Big 5 city school districts and other districts that are non-components of BOCES for approved expenditures for instructional support services.

Shared Services Aid =

Approved 1998-99 Expenses for Instructional Support Services x Aid Ratio

Aid Ratio = greater of:

$$(i) \quad 1 - \frac{.008}{\text{District Actual Valuation Tax Rate} \\ \text{(Local Revenue/Actual Valuation)}}$$

$$(ii) \quad 1 - \left(\frac{1996 \text{ Actual Valuation/RWADA}}{\text{Statewide Average}} \times .51 \right) \\ (\$291,500)$$

Minimum: .360

Maximum: .900

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$10.00 million.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INCENTIVE AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 26-a

Education Technology Incentive Aid =

Approved Educational Technology Expenses x Aid Ratio

Aid Ratio = greatest of:

(i) A District's Building Aid Ratio for 1999-00 Aid

$$(ii) \quad 1 - \frac{.008}{\text{District Actual Valuation Tax Rate} \\ \text{(Local Revenue/Actual Valuation)}}$$

(iii) .360

Approved Education Technology Expenses include 1998-99 instructional computer technology expenditures for capital outlays and/or 1999-00 expenses for debt service and/or leases. These are expenditures that are not eligible for building aid and are not claimed under any other technology aid.

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$25.00 million.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION AID

Education Law, Section 3602-e

Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Aid =

Eligible Unserved Pre-Kindergarten Children x Per Child Grant Amount

Eligible Unserved Pre-Kindergarten Children = Estimated 1999-00 children not served by the State's experimental pre-kindergarten program and preschool children with disabilities receiving services for less than four hours a day x percentage of K-6 eligible applicants for the free and reduced price lunch program as of October 1997 (eligible applicants divided by K-6 enrollment) x 0.525. For New York City the estimated 1999-00 count is multiplied by 0.299. A minimum of 20 students is needed to be eligible for aid.

Per Child Grant Amount = \$600 + (Adjusted Aid Ratio x \$4,000). The

result cannot exceed \$4,000 or be less than \$2,700.

Adjusted Aid Ratio =

$$(1 + (\text{Extraordinary Needs Ratio} - .903)/.047) \times \text{Selected Operating Aid Ratio}$$

Extraordinary Needs Ratio =

Extraordinary Needs Count divided by 1998 Enrollment

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$100.00 million.

OPERATING STANDARDS AID

Education Law, Section 3602, subdivision 38

$$\text{Operating Standards Aid} = (\$7.50 + (\$61.50 \times \text{Aid Ratio})) \times \text{Pupil Count}$$

Aid Ratio =

$$1 - .66 \times (.5 \times \text{Alternate Pupil Wealth Ratio} + .5 \times (\text{AOE/TAPU}/\$6,058))$$

Minimum: .078

Pupil Count = For school districts with an Extraordinary Needs percentage greater than 60 percent, a district's Selected TAPU for Payment is multiplied by 1.26. In all other districts, the pupil count for Operating Standards Aid is the district's Selected TAPU for Payment.

CLASS SIZE REDUCTION AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 37

Districts are eligible for Class Size Reduction Aid if they had an average class size greater than 20 pupils in the 1993-94 school year in kindergarten or grades 1-3. In addition, a district must have a current year Combined Wealth Ratio below 1.500 and an Extraordinary Needs percent greater than 40%.

$$\text{Class Size Reduction Aid} = (\text{Aidable Classes}) \times (\text{Basic Grant per Classroom} + \$10,000)$$

$$\text{Aidable Classes} = (\text{Number of Kindergarten Classes Needed} + \text{Number of Classes Needed for Grades 1-3}) \times \text{Phase-in Factor}$$

Number of Kindergarten Classes Needed = The positive result of 1995-96 full-day + half-day enrollment divided by 20 minus such enrollment divided by a district's 1993-94 average kindergarten class size.

Number of Classes Needed for Grades 1-3 = The positive result of 1995-96 grades 1-3 enrollment divided by 20 minus such enrollment divided by a district's 1993-94 average class size of common branch classes.

Phase-in Factor = 0.187 for the New York City School District; 0.333 for the Big 4 City School Districts; and 0.400 for school districts in the Rest of the State.

Basic Grant Per Classroom = 1994-95 median salary of a teacher with 5

years of experience (or \$34,089 for districts without salary data) x 1.03 x 1.03 x (1 + district's fringe benefit rate).

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$75.0 million.

TAX LIMITATION AID

Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivision 21

Districts are eligible for Tax Limitation Aid if their Tax Effort Ratio is greater than 3.9 percent and their Pupil Wealth Ratio as computed for the Combined Wealth Ratio is below 2.000.

Tax Limitation Aid = Formula Ceiling x Aid Ratio x Selected TAPU

Formula Ceiling = .0305 x 1996 residential tax levy per pupil
(Selected TAPU)

Tax Effort Ratio = 1996 tax levy on residential real property
(including condominiums)/1996 adjusted gross income

Tax Limitation Aid Ratio = 1 - (Combined Wealth Ratio x .50)

For the 1999-00 school year, total aid is limited to \$25.0 million.

APPENDIX III-C

DESCRIPTION OF PUPIL COUNTS USED IN AID FORMULAS FOR THE 1999-00 SCHOOL YEAR

I. Average Daily Attendance/Average Daily Membership^a

- A. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is the average number of pupils present on each regular school day in a given period, such average is determined by dividing the total number of attendance days of all pupils by the number of days school was in session.
- B. Average Daily Membership (ADM) is a measure of enrollment. It is the total possible aggregate daily attendance of all pupils in the district divided by the days of session.

II. TAPU for Expense, TAPU for Payment, TAPU for Operating Aid Payment, TWPU and RWADA

Short Title	<u>Total Aidable Pupil Units For Expense</u>	<u>Total Aidable Pupil Units For Payment</u>	<u>Total Wealth Pupil Units</u>	<u>Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance</u>
Year used for aid payable in 1999-00	TAPU for Expense	Selected TAPU for Payment	TWPU	RWADA
Attendance Periods	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year
Students: Based on:	Served 100% ADA	Served 100% ADA	Resident 100% ADA	Resident 100% ADA
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<u>Basic Weightings</u>				
Half-Day Kindergarten	.50	.50	.50	.50
Kindergarten-Grade 6	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grades 7-12	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.25
Dual Enrollment	1.00	1.00	--	--

Additional Weightings

Secondary (including PSEN^c but excluding

^a The average daily attendance (or average daily membership) of pupils attending private and State operated schools (Rome and Batavia) for pupils with disabilities is excluded from ADA (or ADM).

^bThe 1998-99 TAPU is based on 1997-98 ADA, adjusted by the enrollment index (change between 1997-98 and 1998-99 enrollment). The 1997-98 TAPU is based on 1996-97 ADA, adjusted by the enrollment index (change between 1996-97 and 1997-98 enrollment).

^c PSEN (Pupils with Special Educational Needs) are determined by multiplying district average daily attendance by the percentage of the student population falling below the State reference point on third and sixth grade reading and mathematics pupil evaluation program (PEP) tests administered in the Spring of 1985 and the Spring of 1986.

HC in 1.7 & .9 public excess cost categories)	.25	.25	.25	--
PSEN (K-12 includ. HC) Handicapped (HC)in public schools for:	.25	.25	.25	--
60% of school day (special class)	1.70	--	1.70	--
20% of school week ^d (resource room)	.90	--	.90	--
Direct/Indirect Consultant Teacher	.90	--	.90	--
Private School	--	--	--	--
Summer/Extra School	.12	.12	--	--

^d Or five periods (at least 180 minutes) per week.

APPENDIX III-D
STATE AID PAYMENT SCHEDULE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Section 3609-a enacted by Chapter 58 of the Laws of 1998 will govern the schedule of school district payments as well as the manner in which monthly aid payments are calculated. Section 3609-a includes computerized aids payable as General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) except for Excess Cost aids which are covered under Section 3609-b payment schedule (which also includes Medicaid payments) and Textbook, Software and Library Materials aids. In addition a new Section 3609-e of the Education Law was added by Chapter 58 of the Laws of 1998. This section governs the schedule of school district payments for School Tax Relief (STAR). This payment is intended to reimburse school districts for school property tax exemptions granted pursuant to Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. Growth Aid, Building Aid for new debt service and BANS, and Full Day Kindergarten Aid are not paid until June 2000. Small Cities Aid is covered by Section 3609-c and BOCES Aid for 1999-00 by Section 3609-d.

For GSPS aid payable in the 1999-00 school year, school districts will receive the lesser of (i) the sum of the aid calculated at the time of enactment of the Aid to Localities Budget or (ii) actual claims at the time of payment. A district may not exceed the sum of apportionments reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" which was released in August 1999 with issuance of the 1999-00 Budget. Any remaining unpaid amount of aid due to a school district will be paid on the first business day of September, 2000. The payment schedule has several features:

GSPS Aids

- C Lottery Aid will continue to be paid in full on or before September 1.
- C School district obligations to the New York State Teachers Retirement System (TRS) will continue to be paid by the State on behalf of school districts in September, October and November.
- C "Fixed" payments will be paid in the months of October, November and December. These payments guarantee that a "fixed" percentage of a district's apportionments, after TRS payments, will be paid through the sum of Lottery payments and regular aid payments by given points in time: 12.50 percent by October 15, 18.75 percent by November 15 and 25.00 percent by December 15.
- C "Individualized" payments will be calculated for the months of January through June, based on school district State Aid claims or data available to the Commissioner as of December 1. These will be calculated to guarantee that each district receives 50 percent of the sum of its State and local revenues by the first business day of January, 60 percent by February, 70 percent by March, 80 percent by April and 90 percent by May. All of the April payment, all, or most of the May payment and some of the June payment may be paid as part of the sustaining advance payments and the final payment for the State Fiscal Year in order to fully expend the State Fiscal Year appropriation for General Support of Public Schools in March 1999. If necessary, the March payment may also be reduced to ensure that no more than the State Fiscal Year appropriation for General Support of Public Schools is expended by March 31.
- C Sustaining advance payments and a final payment for the State Fiscal Year will be paid to school districts on March 31 on a prorata basis using the district's relative share of either: (1) for the sustaining advance payments, the total monies designated for payment in April, then May and finally June or (2) for the final payment for the State Fiscal Year, the total monies designated for June (if a positive payment is to be made) or the total monies designated for March (if a negative deduction is to be made). For purposes of calculating the final payment for the State Fiscal Year, the remaining unexpended portion of the State Fiscal Year appropriations for General Support of Public Schools will be used.

- C Any aids payable for new debt service and bond anticipation notes (BANS), Growth Aid or Full Day Kindergarten will be paid in addition to any remaining balance of the June General Aid payment on the first business day in June. However, for new debt service or bond anticipation notes (BANS), if the actual claim is submitted by March 1 then the district will receive the lesser of the aid based on 11/15/99 data or the actual claim submitted on or before 3/1/00. If the March 1 claim exceeds the 11/15/99 data, then such excess is not aidable until 2000-2001. In addition the total of such aids payable through June for new debt service, bond anticipation notes (BANS), Growth Aid and Full Day Kindergarten Aid cannot exceed the total of such aids as they appear on the computer listing "SA990-0."
- C Any excess of actual General Aid apportionments over the sum of such apportionments as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" will be paid on the first business day of September, 2000.

STAR Aid

- C STAR Aid payments will be governed by the payment schedule contained in Section 3609-e. The full amount of 1999-00 STAR Aid payments owed to individual school districts will be paid in full by the first business day of January based upon school tax relief exemptions reported to the Commissioner by the Office of Real Property Services. A payment of 35% of the School Tax Relief (STAR) aid payable will be made on or before October 15th, a payment of up to 70% minus STAR aid paid in October will be made on or before November 15th, a payment of up to 80% minus STAR aid paid in October and November will be made on or before December 15th and the final payment of 100% minus STAR aid payments made October through December will be made on the first business day of January.
- C Payment amounts will be based on current data on file at the time of each payment through January.
- C Current statutory provisions authorizing the Commissioner to withhold State aid payments from school districts that have not submitted enrollment and expenditure data on a timely basis shall not apply to STAR aid payments.

Excess Cost Aids

Section 3609-b of the Education Law requires that apportionments payable to school districts for Excess Cost Aids shall be designated as State share monies due to school districts pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid Reimbursement). Such State share monies will be paid in conjunction with the scheduled monthly payment of federal share monies for Medicaid Reimbursement. Any remaining balances of Excess Cost Aids will be paid in accordance with the schedule below. Total Excess Cost Aids payable to a district for the school year may not exceed the sum of such aids as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" which was released in August 1999 with issuance of the 1999-00 Budget.

- C The positive remainder of 25 percent of Excess Cost Aids minus any State share monies paid in the months of August-November, 1999 will be paid on or before December 15.
- C The positive remainder of 70 percent of such aids minus any apportionment previously paid and any State share monies payable in the months of August 1999-February 2000 will be paid on or before March 15.
- C The positive remainder of 85 percent of such aids minus any apportionments previously paid and any State share monies payable in the months of August 1999-May 2000 will be paid on or before June 15.
- C The positive remainder of 100 percent of such aids minus any apportionments previously paid and any State share monies payable in the months of August 1999-July 2000 will be paid on or before August 15.

C Any excess of actual Excess Cost Aids payable over the sum of such aids as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0," will be paid on the first business day of September, 2000.

BOCES Aid^a

C BOCES Aid is calculated by individual component school districts of the BOCES, but the sum of all such payments are paid directly to the BOCES. Total BOCES Aid payable for the school year to each component school district may not exceed 100 percent of the amount of such aid as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" which was released in August 1999 with issuance of the 1999-00 budget plus any BOCES Aid payable to contracting school districts, less than eight teacher districts and Special Act school districts based on data on file at the time of each payment.

C BOCES obligations to the New York State Teachers Retirement System (TRS) will be paid by the State on behalf of the BOCES from the apportionment payable to the BOCES by the fifteenth of each of the months of September, October and November.

C An additional payment will be made to the BOCES on or before February 1st equal to 25 percent of the lesser of the actual BOCES Aid payable to each component school district or the amount of BOCES Aid payable to each component school district as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" plus BOCES Aid payable for contracting school districts, less than eight teacher districts and Special Act school districts, minus the payments made to TRS on the BOCES behalf.

C An additional payment will be made to the BOCES on the first business day of June equal to 55 percent of the lesser of the actual BOCES aid payable to each component school district or the amount of BOCES Aid payable to each component school district as reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" plus BOCES aid payable for contracting school districts, less than eight teacher districts and Special Act school districts, minus the sum of all previous payments including payments made to TRS on the behalf of the BOCES.

C Any remaining apportionment payable to the BOCES, including any excess of actual BOCES Aid payable over the amount of such aid reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" will be paid to the BOCES on the first business day of September, 2000.

Aid to Small City School Districts

Payments to small city school districts will be made pursuant to Section 3609-c of the Education Law. Aid will be paid so that from September 1999 to the first business day of June, 2000, each small city school district will receive an amount, not to exceed 100 percent of the amount reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0," which was released in August 1999 with issuance of the 1999-00 Budget. Any excess of the amount reported in the school aid computer listing entitled "SA990-0" will be paid on the first business day of September, 2000.

^aBOCES Aid for special act, less-than-eight teacher, and special contracting districts will be added to the "SA990-0" amounts.