

Regents Budget Priorities in Summary

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority 1:</u> Improve achievement for students in greatest need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Aid, including Foundation Formula, with related accountability and support for school districts in need, expand Pre-k, improve results for children with disabilities, ELL, CTE, continue Contracts for Excellence \$1.94 billion • Regional Educational Alliance to support additional P-16 partnerships that combine the strengths of USNY institutions to improve achievement \$15 million • Smart Scholars, a dual enrollment program to unite efforts of schools and colleges to ensure that at least 12,000 at-risk students a year complete high school and higher education \$100 million • Family and Parent Outreach to connect parents to educational programs beginning with the birth of their children \$6.5 million • Planting the Seed to ensure that at-risk middle and high school students learn about professional careers through guidance counselors and members of the professions themselves \$1 million • Expand programs that close the student achievement gap in higher education \$12.6 million 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority 2:</u> Reduce and then eliminate the inequitable distribution of teaching talent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit, prepare and place 1,000 teachers over three years in shortage subjects in high need schools by using challenge grants, alternative certification and approved teacher preparation programs in P-16 partnerships \$6.8 million (Year 1) \$25 million (over 3 yrs) 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority 3:</u> Implement year 2 of P-16 accountability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a P-16 data system in partnership with CUNY, SUNY, NYCDOE, Yonkers and Syracuse school districts \$2 million • Build a digital education capacity by implementing best practices for professional development through technology, establish standards for digital content in cultural institutions for use by P-16 community, and build SED capacity to lead in use of technology \$7 million 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority 4:</u> Improve achievement by increasing student access to museums, cultural institutions, online information and libraries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide P-12 educational programs aligned to the learning standards through formula funding to museums, other cultural institutions, and science-based institutions. \$30 million • Build a Statewide Internet Library to serve P-16, research and development, and the business community \$10 million • Fund the New York Knowledge Initiative to enable cultural institutions to develop disaster preparedness plans and provide permanent support for the renovation and construction of library facilities, train governing boards. \$24.75 million • Strengthen cultural institutions to improve programs for families, promote literacy, improve services to individuals with disabilities, and extend hours at NYS Library and State Archives \$7.55 million 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Priority 5:</u> Enable more individuals with disabilities to live and work independently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 4 new Independent Living Centers and expand the capacity of existing centers to enable 7,500 more individuals with disabilities to work and live independently, thereby reducing institutionalization costs by \$25 million \$5 million • Enable 2,000 incarcerated persons with disabilities to receive training and placement services and reduce recidivism, with a resulting cost savings of \$25 million (using Federal funds) No Cost to State • Facilitate return to work of 1,600 individuals receiving Workers' Compensation, an annual cost savings of \$32 million in avoided workers' compensation costs. (using Federal funds) No Cost to State 	