

Regents Budget Priorities in Summary

Priority 1:

Improve achievement for students in greatest need.

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| • 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 |

Priority 2:

Reduce and then eliminate the inequitable distribution of teaching talent.

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| • 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) |
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Priority 3:

Implement year 2 of P-16 accountability.

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| • 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 |

Priority 4:

Improve achievement by increasing student access to museums, cultural institutions, online information and libraries.

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| • 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 |

Priority 5:

Enable more individuals with disabilities to live and work independently.

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| • 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 |