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## 2019-20 Executive Budget Proposal

Tuesday, January 15, 2019: This afternoon, Governor Andrew Cuomo released his 2019-20 Executive Budget proposal totaling \$175 billion with an overall growth rate of 1.9 percent, inclusive of a 3.6 percent increase in education spending for a total of \$27.7 billion. Outlined below are the pertinent appropriations for religious and independent schools:

- **Mandated Services Reimbursement:** Funded at \$115,652,000 for 2018-19 school year expenses, an increase of 3.6 percent over last year.
- **CAP:** Funded at \$77,476,000, also for 2018-19 school year expenses with the 2-year lag in CAP nearly completely paid off.
- **Health, Safety and Security:** \$15 million is recommended for continued to support health, safety and security needs.
- **State Office for Religious and Independent Schools:** \$800,000 is recommended for continued support of SORIS staff.
- **Immunization:** It appears that the Governor did not include any funds for immunization program expenses for schools in the cities of Buffalo, Rochester, and New York – which was funded at \$7 million last year.
- **Smart Schools Bond Act:** \$25m is re-appropriated to address inequities in our share of the bond funds.
- **SCAHC Grants:** It appears that the Governor is proposing another \$25 million for additional competitive grants under the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes program.
- **STEM salary reimbursement:** A 33 percent increase is recommended for a total of \$20 million.
- **Academic Intervention Services:** recommended at \$922,000 but spent at an annual rate of \$1.84 million
- **Learning Technology Grants:** recommended to be maintained at \$3.29 million
- **Textbook Aid:** \$58.25 per pupil remains unchanged
- **Software Aid:** \$14.98 per pupil remains unchanged
- **Hardware Aid:** Average of \$12 per pupil remains unchanged
- **Library Materials:** \$6.25 per pupil remains unchanged
- **School Bus Driver Training:** \$400,000 remains unchanged
- **Teacher Centers:** \$4.3 million is recommended to close out the 2018-19 school year program. No future funding is proposed.
- **Pre-k:** an increase of \$15 million is recommended for a total of \$849 million.

All re-appropriations for unspent funds in these programs appear to be proposed.