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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor

SUBJECT: Allocation of Increased Investment in State-operated Campuses

Action Requested

The proposed resolution would effectuate the allocation of the 2026/27 increased investment of \$54.0 million in new Direct State Tax Support for State-operated campuses.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas in accordance with New York State Education Law §355(4)(c), the Board of Trustees has the authority to allocate annual appropriations among the State-operated campuses and statutory colleges, and programs of the State University of New York; and

Whereas the 2026/27 State Operations bill includes an increase of \$54,000,000 in new Direct State Tax Support, building on historic investments over the prior two years, bringing the total investment to \$445,000,000 since 2022/23; and

Whereas SUNY is grateful to Governor Hochul, the NYS Legislature, and the New York State Division of the Budget for their extraordinary commitment to public higher education and to maintaining SUNY's affordability and academic excellence; and

Whereas these monies are provided to continue the support of maintaining State-operated campus resident undergraduate tuition rates at a static level; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that \$54,000,000 so provided to State-operated campuses be distributed as follows:

(1) \$43,450,000 be allocated pursuant to Attachment 1 to maintain SUNY's affordable excellence through continuation of the State-operated campus resident undergraduate tuition freeze while maintaining revenue potential to support campus operations and advance student success, provided that each campus that does not receive funding pursuant to (2) below shall allocate no less than 25 percent of funds allocated in Attachment 1 to advance student success and improve student supports through expansion of: mental health services, support for students with disabilities, transportation services and other wraparound supports, efforts to address food insecurity and other basic needs, student academic and career advising, internships and other experiential learning opportunities, and/or stronger transfer pathways, pursuant to a plan submitted by each campus and approved by the Chancellor or designee provided, however, that the Chancellor or designee be so empowered to support implementation of these plans in a manner that best positions the institution for continued operational excellence, and

(2) \$8,800,000 to support research excellence by advancing Governor Hochul's charge to double SUNY research expenditures, including but not limited to the hiring of emerging and leading researchers in targeted fields, pursuant to a plan submitted by each eligible campus and approved by the Chancellor or designee; and be it further

Resolved that these monies have been allocated under methodologies that have been reviewed and approved, as per the requirements of appropriation language, by the Director of the Budget of the State of New York and will be combined with "base" Direct State Tax Support levels approved prior by the Board of Trustees, as well as appropriate spending authority for tuition revenue spending, through the approval of the annual State-operated campus "Financial Plan."

Background

This resolution provides the framework for the allocation of increased investment in SUNY State-operated campuses in the 2026/27 Enacted State Budget. This increased support of \$54,000,000 is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- \$43,450,000: Support to Maintain the Resident Undergraduate Tuition Freeze, with a “floor” indicating that no medical related Other Doctoral campus would receive less than \$50,000 and no other campus would receive less than \$300,000
- \$8,800,000: Support to Advance Research Excellence
- \$1,750,000: Investment in System-wide Enrollment and Student Support Initiatives

Further details on the methodology used are provided for in the attachment to this document. Of note, the campuses, and System Administration, continue to face \$42.2M in increased costs due to currently existing collectively bargained agreements, and a potential of significant additional new costs, dependent on current contract negotiations.

The State University Board of Trustees has the authority to allocate the annual appropriations in accordance with the operating flexibility legislation of 1985 (Chapters 552-555 of the Laws of 1985). Education Law sections 355(4) and 355-a authorize the University to determine the number of positions supported by available personal service funds. The Director of the Budget retains authority over the total aggregate funding (expenditure ceiling) available to the University during any fiscal year as well as the timing and amount of any transfers of Direct State Support provided to the System.

State University of New York (SUNY)
Allocation of 2026/27 Direct State Tax Support Increment

Sector	Campus	Fall 2025 FTE	2026/27	Change from	Change from
			Allocations	2022/23	2025/26
			Proposed Distribution	\$	\$
University Centers	Albany	15,586.2	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 39,171,621	\$ 5,500,000
Statutory Colleges	Alfred Ceramics	507.0	-	612,998	-
Technology Colleges	Alfred State	3,685.2	700,000	4,523,455	700,000
University Centers	Binghamton	17,092.6	5,800,000	38,346,759	5,800,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Brockport	6,893.1	1,200,000	9,089,904	1,200,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Buffalo State	5,528.9	900,000	11,646,702	900,000
University Centers	Buffalo Univ	28,368.4	8,500,000	67,807,051	8,500,000
Technology Colleges	Canton	3,021.7	500,000	4,002,007	500,000
Technology Colleges	Cobleskill	2,022.7	300,000	3,699,644	300,000
Statutory Colleges	Cornell	9,360.0	-	5,438,702	-
Comprehensive Colleges	Cortland	6,476.3	1,100,000	8,354,798	1,100,000
Technology Colleges	Delhi	2,801.0	500,000	4,108,584	500,000
Other Doctorals	Downstate Medical	1,941.1	50,000	19,722,692	50,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Empire State	7,911.0	1,300,000	8,549,975	1,300,000
Other Doctorals	Envir Sci & Forestry	2,101.9	300,000	6,393,116	300,000
Technology Colleges	Farmingdale	9,268.9	1,900,000	13,117,969	1,900,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Fredonia	2,969.5	500,000	5,960,418	500,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Geneseo	3,941.0	700,000	6,419,125	700,000
Technology Colleges	Maritime	1,499.8	300,000	3,123,907	300,000
Technology Colleges	Morrisville	2,006.6	300,000	4,181,536	300,000
Comprehensive Colleges	New Paltz	6,878.4	1,200,000	8,792,296	1,200,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Old Westbury	4,526.8	800,000	7,087,843	800,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Oneonta	5,195.5	900,000	7,454,206	900,000
Other Doctorals	Optometry	385.3	50,000	3,783,252	50,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Oswego	5,807.0	1,000,000	8,705,463	1,000,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Plattsburgh	4,219.8	700,000	6,878,558	700,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Potsdam	2,379.8	300,000	4,949,422	300,000
Comprehensive Colleges	Purchase	3,303.3	500,000	6,474,162	500,000
University Centers	Stony Brook	25,239.8	7,200,000	81,239,738	7,200,000
Technology Colleges	SUNY Poly	2,491.8	400,000	4,473,500	400,000
Other	Support for System-wide Initiatives	-	1,750,000	3,608,536	1,750,000
Other	Support for Research Excellence	-	8,800,000	8,800,000	8,800,000
Other	System Admin	-	-	1,885,000	-
Other Doctorals	Upstate Medical	1,392.7	50,000	26,597,059	50,000
	University Centers	86,286.9	\$ 27,000,000	\$ 226,565,170	\$ 27,000,000
	Other Doctorals	5,821.0	450,000	56,496,119	450,000
	Comprehensive Colleges	66,030.5	11,100,000	100,362,874	11,100,000
	Technology Colleges	26,797.5	4,900,000	41,230,602	4,900,000
	State-operated Campuses	184,935.8	\$ 43,450,000	\$ 424,654,764	\$ 43,450,000
	Statutory Colleges	9,867.0	\$ -	\$ 6,051,700	\$ -
	Other	-	\$ 10,550,000	\$ 14,293,536	\$ 10,550,000
	Total	194,802.8	\$ 54,000,000	\$ 445,000,000	\$ 54,000,000