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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Amendments of 8 NYCRR 602.8(c): State basic financial assistance for the operating expenses of Community Colleges under the programs of SUNY and CUNY

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes the start of rulemaking to implement the state operating assistance to State University of New York (“SUNY”) community colleges to set assistance levels for the 2026/27 Academic Year at the greater of a per student amount of \$2,997, or 100 percent of the 2025/26 SUNY approved budget levels for Base Operating Aid, as well as the allocation of incremental new monies provided for in the 2026/27 Enacted State Budget.

Resolution

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

Whereas the 2026/27 Enacted State Budget provides an increase of \$12,000,000 in new Direct State Tax Support for SUNY Community Colleges, representing the first time in decades that community colleges have received three consecutive years of State operating aid increases; and

Whereas SUNY community colleges (i) successfully and rapidly implemented the \$8,000,000 appropriated in the 2024/25 Enacted State Budget to expand health care workforce and education programs, to provide additional mental health support to students,

and address food insecurity and (ii) the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York utilized the additional \$8,000,000 provided for in the 2025/26 Enacted State Budget to support program expansion and support in health care, advanced manufacturing, green jobs and sustainability, and/or cybersecurity/IT/AI; and

Whereas the 2026/27 increased funding follows the request for \$8,000,000 in increased Direct State Tax Support by the SUNY Board of Trustees in their 2026/27 State Budget Request to be used for investment in program expansion and support in health care, advanced manufacturing, green jobs and sustainability, and/or cybersecurity/IT/AI, pursuant to a plan submitted by each campus and approved by System Administration; be it

Resolved that (i) the \$8,000,000 appropriated first in Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2024, and (ii) that the additional \$8,000,000 appropriated in the 2025/26 Enacted State continue to be allocated in such form and fashion as approved by the Board of Trustees, and, be it further

Resolved that the \$12,000,000 so provided to the 30 Community Colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York be distributed upon the following order and upon approval of a plan by the director of the New York State budget or designee: (i) \$8,000,000 be allocated pursuant to the methodology provided for in the attached to this resolution to be used for program expansion and support in health care, advanced manufacturing, green jobs and sustainability, cybersecurity/IT/AI, and/or any other program approved for inclusion in SUNY Reconnect, pursuant to a plan submitted by each campus that includes, but is not limited to, the expansion of evening and weekend academic programming and approved by the Chancellor or designee, and (ii) \$4,000,000 to be provided as unrestricted operating aid, which may include the advancement of student success and student support, and also allocated pursuant to the methodology provided for in the attached to this resolution; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare, in accordance with provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Emergency Adoption and a Proposed Rulemaking, as well as any re-issuance of such Notice of Emergency Adoption as may be necessary

during the pendency of the Proposed Rulemaking, and, if no public comments are received, a Notice of Adoption, to amend 8 NYCRR section 602.8(c), to read as follows, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added):

Section 602.8(c)

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(1) Full-opportunity colleges. The basic State financial assistance for community colleges, implementing approved full-opportunity programs, shall be the lowest of the following:

(i) two-fifths (40 percent) of the net operating budget of the college, or campus of a multiple-campus college, as approved by the State University Board of Trustees;

(ii) two-fifths (40 percent) of the net operating costs of the college, or campus of a multiple campus college; or

(iii) for the [2025/26] 2026/27 college fiscal year and thereafter, the total of the following:

(a) the greater of:

(1) the budgeted or actual number (whichever is less) of full time equivalent students enrolled in programs eligible for State financial assistance multiplied by \$2,997; or

(2) 100 percent of the amount of basic State financial assistance for community colleges preliminarily approved by the State University of New York Board of Trustees for the preceding academic year; plus

(b) an allocation provided from the total \$8,000,000 provided for additional operating services and expenses for community colleges, pursuant to a plan approved by the State University Board of Trustees and further approved by the director of the New York State Budget, to support the operating costs of said approved plan and allocation first appropriated in chapter 53 of the laws of 2024; plus

(c) an allocation provided from the total additional \$8,000,000 provided for additional operating services and expenses for community colleges, pursuant to a plan approved by the State University Board of Trustees and further approved by the director of the New York State Budget, to support the operating costs of said approved plan and allocation, first appropriated in the 2025/26 Enacted State Budget, plus

(d) an allocation provided from the total \$12,000,000 provided for additional operating services and expenses for community colleges pursuant to a plan approved by the State University Board of Trustees and further approved by the director of the New York State Budget to support the operating costs of said approved plan and allocation, first appropriated in the 2026/27 Enacted State Budget and

~~[(d)]~~ (e) up to one half (50 percent) of rental costs for physical space.

~~[(e)]~~ (f) Notwithstanding the preceding, in no case shall any monies allocated to a SUNY Community College from the New York State Opportunity Scholarship Program as reflected in section 6311 of New York State Education Law be considered part of the funding floor referenced in (c)(a)(2) of this section.

(2) Non-full-opportunity colleges. The basic State financial assistance for community colleges not implementing approved full-opportunity programs shall be the lowest of the following:

(i) one third (33 percent) of the net operating budget of the college, or campus of a multiple-campus college, as approved by the State University Trustees;

(ii) one third (33 percent) of the net operating costs of the college, or campus of a multiple-campus college; or

(iii) for the college fiscal year 2022/23 and thereafter, the total of the following:

(a) the greater of:

(1) the budgeted or actual number (whichever is less) of full time equivalent students enrolled in programs eligible for State financial assistance multiplied by \$2,497; or

(2) 100 percent of the amount of basic State financial assistance for community colleges preliminarily approved by the State University of New York Trustees for the preceding academic year; and

(b) up to one half (50 percent) of rental cost for physical space.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision, a community college or a new campus of a multiple-campus community college in the process of formation shall be eligible for basic State financial assistance in the amount of one-third of the net operating budget or one-third of the net operating costs, whichever is the lesser, for those colleges not implementing an approved full-opportunity program plan, or two-fifths of the net operating budget or two-fifths of the net operating costs, whichever is the lesser, for those colleges implementing an approved full-opportunity program, during the organization year and the first two fiscal years in which students are enrolled.

Background

This resolution authorizes the rulemaking that will provide the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York the support provided to such institutions in the 2026/27 Enacted New York State Budget.

Please note that formal rulemaking is required, and this resolution authorizes both the emergency adoption of the rules and the publication of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. It further authorizes any Notice of Emergency Adoption as may be necessary during the pendency of the Proposed Rulemaking, and, if no public comments are received, the final Notice of adoption.

State University of New York (SUNY)
2026/27 Funded FTE and Potential \$100.61 Increase to Per FTE Funding With Modifications

	<u>\$8.0M Allocation</u>	<u>\$4.0M Allocation</u>
<i>Potential Increase --></i>	\$ 67.46	\$ 33.15
<i>Floor Percentage --></i>	100%	100%
<i>Max Increase --></i>	100.0%	100.0%
<i>Special Initiative Increase --></i>	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Special Language --></i>	Yes	Yes
<i>AY Minimum Increase --></i>	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000

College	2026/27 Funded FTE	2025/26 Funding	Increase: \$8.0M		Increase: \$4.0M		Combined Academic Year	% Change
			State Fiscal Year	Academic Year	State Fiscal Year	Academic Year		
Adirondack	1,829.0	7,310,286	92,250	123,000	45,750	61,000	184,000	1.7%
Broome	3,196.0	12,982,927	162,000	216,000	79,500	106,000	322,000	1.7%
Cayuga	1,760.0	6,934,463	89,250	119,000	43,500	58,000	177,000	1.7%
Clinton	553.0	2,264,990	56,250	75,000	37,500	50,000	125,000	3.3%
Columbia-Greene	907.6	2,835,885	56,250	75,000	37,500	50,000	125,000	2.6%
Corning	2,035.2	6,968,600	102,750	137,000	50,250	67,000	204,000	2.0%
Dutchess	4,810.1	16,336,124	243,000	324,000	119,250	159,000	483,000	2.0%
Erie	6,664.5	27,965,432	337,500	450,000	165,750	221,000	671,000	1.6%
FIT	7,986.0	24,614,331	404,250	539,000	198,750	265,000	804,000	2.2%
Finger Lakes	3,637.2	11,325,423	183,750	245,000	90,750	121,000	366,000	2.2%
Fulton-Montgomery	1,048.6	4,154,879	56,250	75,000	37,500	50,000	125,000	1.8%
Genesee	2,390.0	9,026,487	120,750	161,000	59,250	79,000	240,000	1.8%
Herkimer	1,595.3	5,274,493	81,000	108,000	39,750	53,000	161,000	2.0%
Hudson Valley	7,319.0	21,783,695	370,500	494,000	182,250	243,000	737,000	2.3%
Jamestown	2,221.8	7,750,253	112,500	150,000	55,500	74,000	224,000	1.9%
Jefferson	1,552.3	6,382,873	78,750	105,000	38,250	51,000	156,000	1.6%
Mohawk	4,099.0	12,635,060	207,750	277,000	102,000	136,000	413,000	2.2%
Monroe	8,000.0	29,921,110	405,000	540,000	198,750	265,000	805,000	1.8%
Nassau	9,332.1	37,320,295	471,750	629,000	231,750	309,000	938,000	1.7%
Niagara	3,123.5	10,368,805	158,250	211,000	78,000	104,000	315,000	2.0%
North Country	1,015.0	3,193,299	56,250	75,000	37,500	50,000	125,000	2.3%
Onondaga	4,785.0	17,264,534	242,250	323,000	119,250	159,000	482,000	1.9%
Orange	4,182.0	12,721,615	211,500	282,000	104,250	139,000	421,000	2.2%
Rockland	3,810.0	15,096,438	192,750	257,000	94,500	126,000	383,000	1.7%
Schenectady	1,803.6	7,702,081	91,500	122,000	45,000	60,000	182,000	1.6%
Suffolk	13,756.2	49,562,084	696,000	928,000	342,000	456,000	1,384,000	1.9%
Sullivan	1,130.0	3,124,223	57,000	76,000	37,500	50,000	126,000	2.4%
Tompkins-Cortland	2,868.0	9,252,564	144,750	193,000	71,250	95,000	288,000	2.1%
Ulster	1,667.1	5,987,642	84,000	112,000	41,250	55,000	167,000	1.9%
Westchester	8,574.8	28,950,144	433,500	578,000	213,000	284,000	862,000	2.0%
Total	117,652	\$417,011,035	\$ 5,999,250	\$ 7,999,000	\$ 2,997,000	\$ 3,996,000	\$ 11,995,000	1.9%