

Thank you for your continued support of the health, safety & success of our 4201 School students

The 4201 Schools' FY 2022-2023 State Budget Request Includes:

Continue State Support and Resources

Our 10 member schools serving blind, deaf, and severely physically disabled students, request that the State Legislature approve sustained financial support that is included in the Executive Budget, and increase funding commensurate with Foundation Aid increases and other special education sector schools.

The Association supports the \$11.6 million included in the Assembly's one-house budget proposal to support our member schools.

Establishment of Fiscal Reserve Funds

The 4201s support the establishment of Fiscal Reserve Funds, included in the Senate's one-house budget proposal.

This would allow our schools to prepare for variances or contingencies for:

- Emergencies,
- Planning, or
- Adapting to student needs throughout the school year.

The recent pandemic has highlighted the need to give school leaders tools to adapt flexibly, quickly and in the best interests of their students while maintaining fiscal stewardship of their operations.

Invest in our Workforce

We support the \$30 million investment over three years included in the Senate's one-house budget proposal to help our schools retain their skilled staff.

Salaries for the specially qualified staff at our 10 member schools consistently lag behind those in public schools. We request this new initiative to increase salaries for our teachers and professional staff to better align with public school districts.

Reliable Transportation

Transportation for our students must be consistent and reliable, specifically for our schools in the greater NYC area. Schools have been informed two years in a row that they would not be provided bus transportation on the start of their calendar year, which is provided to the DOE months in advance. We ask for the Legislature's help again, to ensure this does not happen for a third year in a row.



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