Thank you for your continued support of New York State’s 4201 Schools

The 4201 Schools Association’s FY 2023-2024 State Budget Priorities

Increase Funding
6% – $8.77M

Our 11 member schools serving students across the State who are blind, deaf, and severely physically disabled request that the New York State Budget include an increase of $8.77 million or 6% in total funding. This financial support is necessary to meet the growing needs of our student population, commensurate with the financial support provided to other New York special education sector schools.

Support School Workforce Retention

The 4201 Schools request $30 million over three years to increase salaries to better align with those offered by public school districts.

Salaries for the specially trained and qualified teachers and support staff at our 11 member schools consistently lag behind those in public schools. The 4201 Schools Association requests a new initiative to increase salaries for our teachers and professional staff, as these continuously lag behind salaries offered at other special education sector and public schools.

Provide Schools Authority to Retain Fund Balance

The 4201 Schools request the authority to retain a fund balance, which will allow our 11 member schools to prepare for variances or contingencies for emergencies, planning, and adapting to student needs throughout the school year.

Having the authority to retain a percentage of funds will help our schools maintain fiscal stewardship of their operations. The pandemic has only heightened the demand for school leaders to have access to the tools needed to adapt flexibly, quickly and in the best interests of their students.

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