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## 2026-27 Executive Budget Proposal NYSSBA Analysis



# State Budget Picture

**\$260B**  
**ALL FUNDS**

**0.7%**  
**INCREASE**

**\$157B**  
**OPERATING**

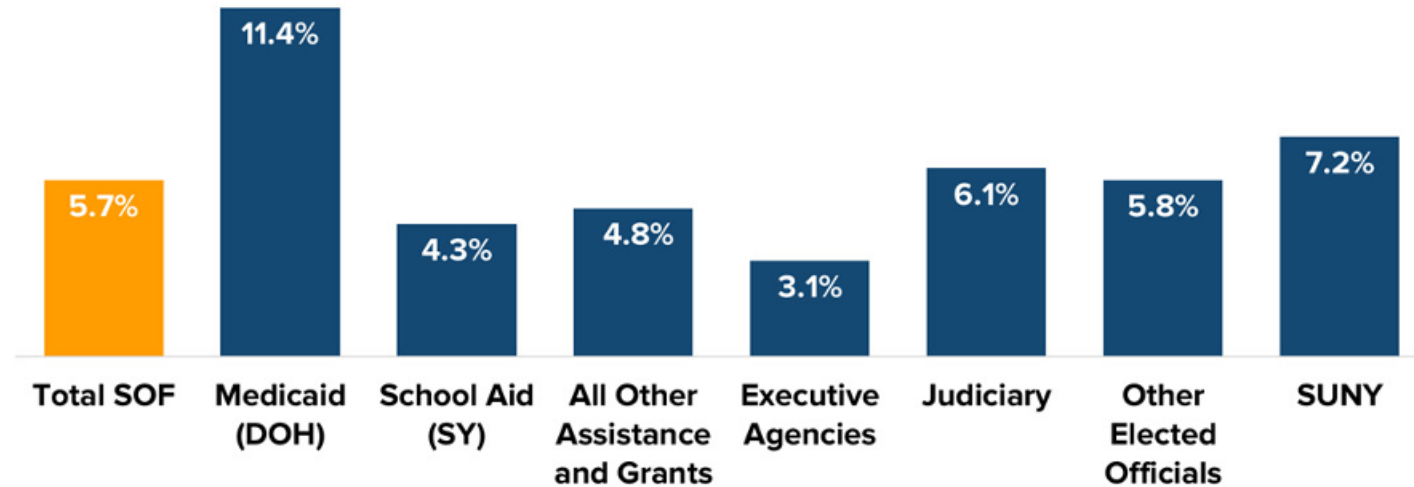
**5.7%**  
**INCREASE**

# School Aid

- Formula-based school aid increase of \$1.32 billion (+3.6%)
  - Foundation Aid Increase - \$779 million
  - Expense-based Aid Increase - \$112 million
    - Full-funding of transportation aid, BOCES aid, etc.
  - Universal Pre-K Funding Increase - \$431 million
- Additional \$300 million in ‘anticipated additional’ aid (not on the school aid runs) – 4.3% overall
  - \$170 million in building aid and \$130 million in prek funding

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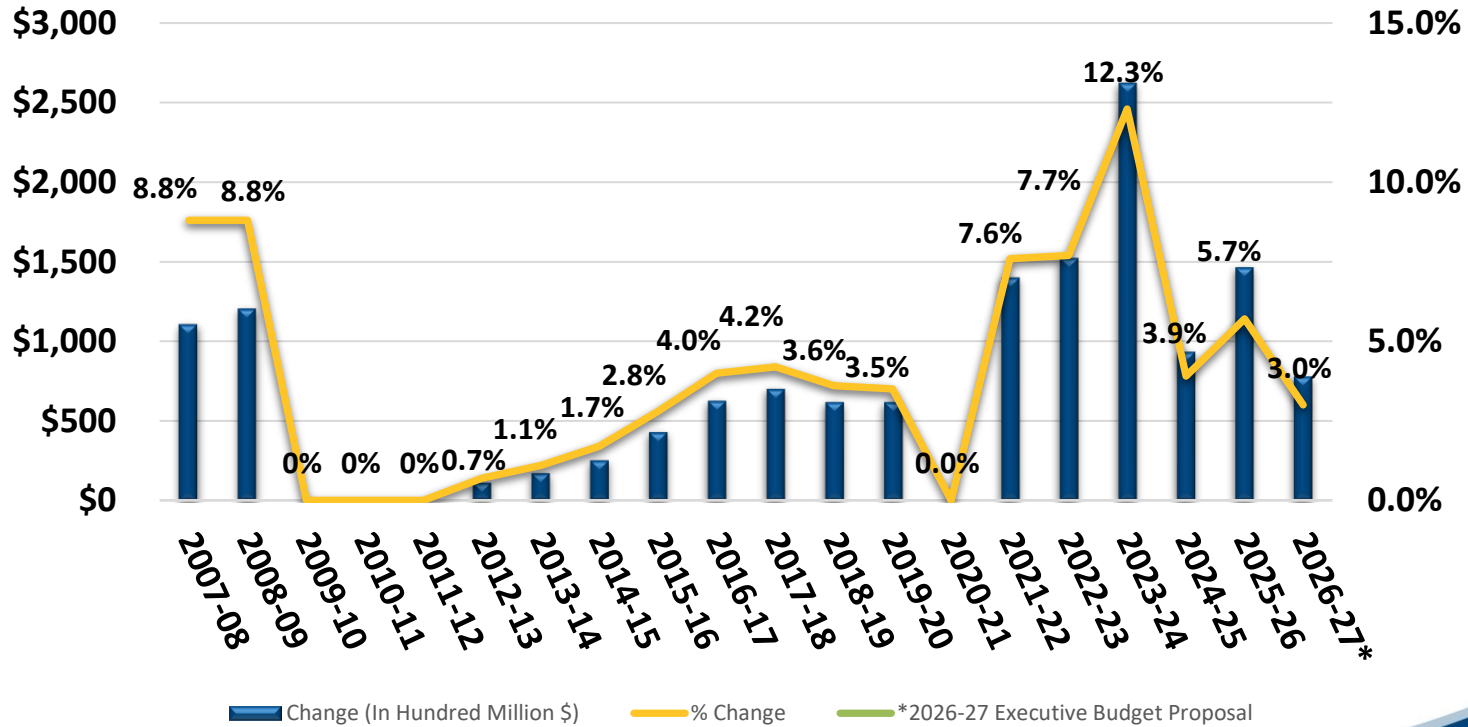
## FY 2027 PROJECTED STATE OPERATING FUNDS SPENDING GROWTH



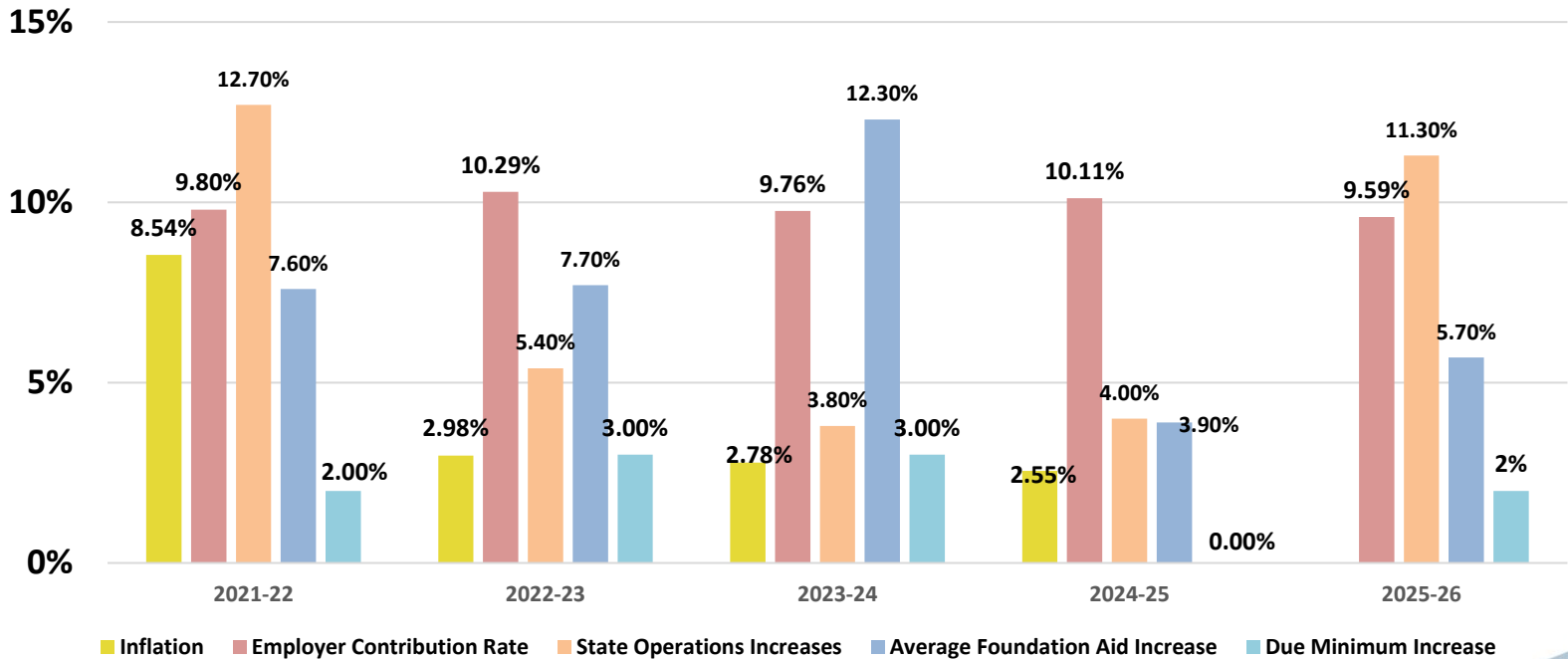
# Foundation Aid

- \$779 million overall increase (+3%)
- Full-funding of the current formula
- Preserves save harmless and includes a guaranteed minimum 1% Foundation Aid increase for all districts
  - 461 districts would receive the minimum increase
- No proposed formula changes

# Foundation Aid



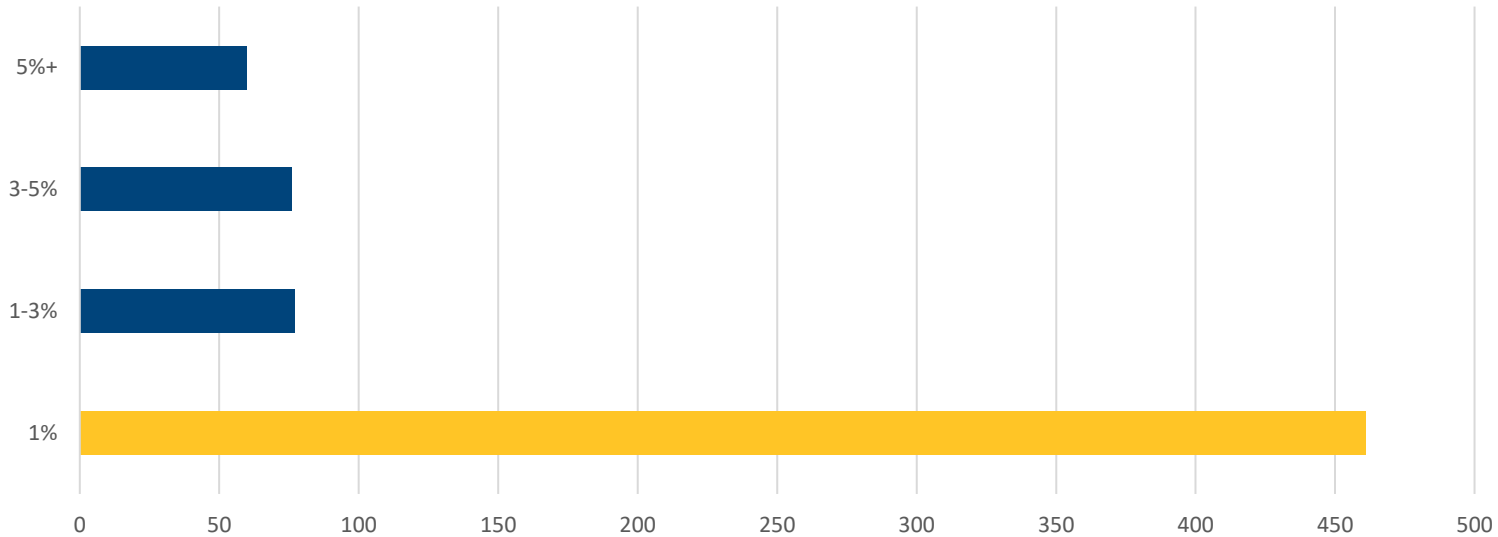
# Cost Drivers vs. State Operations vs. Aid



# Foundation Aid

## Proposed Foundation Aid Increase

Number of Districts, By Percentage



# Universal Pre-K

- A proposal to significantly expand prek availability, with a goal to reach ‘universal prek’ within the next three years
- \$431 million increase to state UPK funding, as well as \$130 million in “anticipated additional universal prekindergarten” funding not reflected on the school aid runs
  - Starting in 2026-2027, the minimum per-pupil state allocation would be the greater of \$10,000 or the district’s selected Foundation Aid per pupil for all new and existing full day 4-year-old seats
- Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten Program (SUFPK) would end after the 2025-2026 school year and be consolidated into the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program
- By 2028-29, districts would be required to provide a full-day prek seat for any eligible child seeking enrollment

# Math Literacy

- Directs SED to provide school districts with instructional best practices for numeracy and the teaching of mathematics to students in K-5
- Requires school districts to annually review and verify with SED that their curriculum and instructional best practices are aligned with the Department's
  - Beginning 9/1/27
- \$2 million each for NYSUT & BOCES to deliver training

# Student Health and Mental Health

- Continues several grants to support youth mental health, as well as school-based health centers.
- Expands the teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) initiative
- Establishes a “Schools of Distinction in Prevention” designation to recognize schools that meet key benchmarks in mental health
- Empowers school boards to hire physician assistants to serve as school health service directors

# Additional Proposals

- Continues universal school meals
- School aid database freeze
- Special education cost-shift
- High-impact tutoring & teacher pipeline funding
- Making some renewable energy projects building aidable

# Additional Proposals

- NYC mayoral control reauthorization
- Sensitive locations
- Additional regulation of vapor products
- Banning ghost guns

# What was Left Out?

- Zero-emission bus mandate changes
- Prior year aid claims
- Raising the undesignated fund balance limit
- Civil service reform

# State Budget Timeline

- January 20 - Executive Budget was released
- Mid-February – Updated school aid database
- Early-Mid March – Senate and Assembly “one house” budgets will be released
- April 1 – Final enacted budget due

# Federal Budget Update

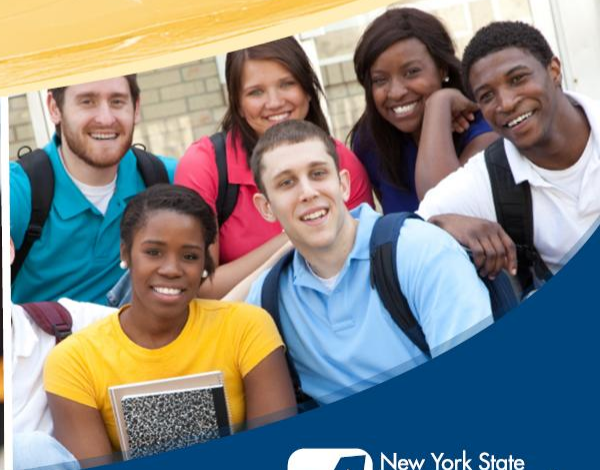
- Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Finalized
- Funding Settled through September 30, 2026
  - Title I - \$20 million increase
  - IDEA - \$20 million increase
  - Flat funding for remaining grants

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## Q&A



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