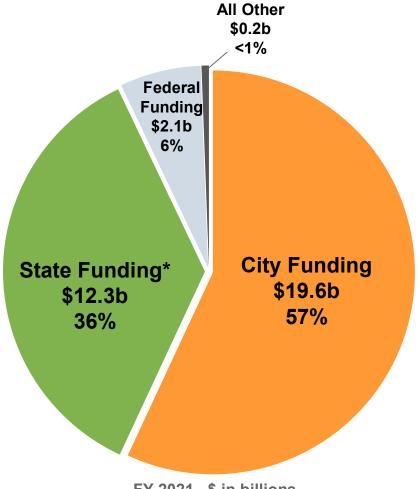




# **School Budgets SY 2021-2022**

February - April 2021

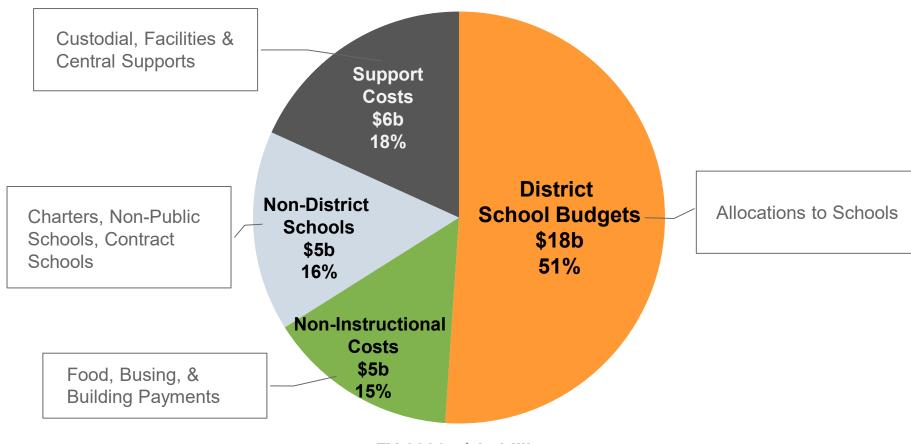
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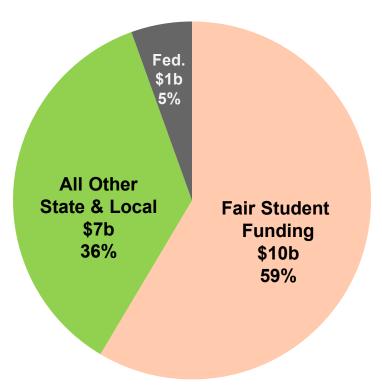
## The Vast Majority of Instructional Costs Are Allocated Directly to School Budgets

- Funds allocated to schools are under the responsibility of the Principal.
- Principals along with their School Leadership Teams (SLTs) create the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) based on school specific instructional needs and priorities.
- Principals work with their SLTs to create the school's budget, to pay for the instructional program detailed in the CEP.
- Superintendents supervise the Principal in this process and must approve all school budgets and their alignment with the school's CEP.



# Fair Student Funding is the Primary Funding Source for Most Community District Schools

FY 2021 - \$ in billions
School Allocations by Funding Source



- Each school's Fair Student Funding allocation is calculated based on the number of students enrolled at each school, and the specific needs of those students.
- This budgeting method is called a "weighted pupil-funding model."
- Pupil needs are "weighted" based on the cost of meeting the educational need.
- Today, we will be presenting the proposed weights for the 2021-22 school year. The proposed weights are unchanged from 2020-2021.

All school allocations can be found on the DOE's "Infohub" website in the Financial Data and Reports section, under "School Allocation Memoranda (SAMs)."



### Fair Student Funding Pays for K-12 Classroom Staff and Student Supports at DOE Community District Schools

- FSF Funded Classroom Staff and Student Supports include:
  - School leadership: Principals, Assistant Principals, Deans
  - Classroom staff: Teachers (both General Education and Special Education) and classroom paraprofessionals
  - Pupil support: Guidance counselors, social workers
  - Administrative support: School aides, secretaries
  - School-based purchases: classroom supplies and services
- Services funded outside of FSF include:
  - Mandated Individual Education Plan (IEP) related services and IEP paraprofessionals (e.g., speech teachers, occupational therapists, and 1:1 paraprofessionals)
  - Certain specialized programs, such as instructional models specialized for students with autism
  - Pre-K and 3-K programs at district schools
  - Charter schools and District 75 schools



#### **Fair Student Funding Weights**

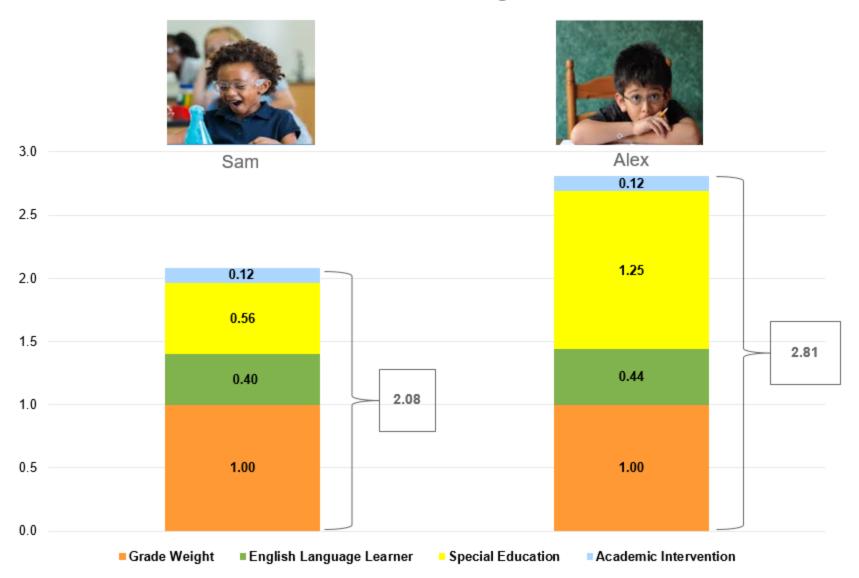
Grade Base Weight	Weight
Grades K-5	1.00
Grades 6-8	1.08
Grades 9-12	1.03

Academic Intervention	Weight	Special Education	Weight
Poverty K-12	0.12	Single Service <=20%	0.56
Below Standards 4-5	0.25	Multiple Services 21% to 59%	1.25
Below Standards 6-8	0.35	Full Time Special Class K-8	1.18
Below Standards 9-12	0.25	Full Time Special Class 9-12	0.58
Well Below Standards 4-5	0.40	Full Time Integrated Co-Teaching K	2.09
Well Below Standards 6-8	0.50	Full Time Integrated Co-Teaching 1-12	1.74
Well Below Standards 9-12	0.40	Post IEP Transitional Support	0.12
Heavy Graduation Challenge (OAUC) <sup>1</sup> Over-the-Counter (OTC) 9-12	0.40		

English Language Learners	Weight	Portfolio High Schools	Weight
Standalone English as a New Language (ENL) K-5	0.40	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 1	0.26
Standalone English as a New Language (ENL) 6-12	0.50	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 2	0.17
Bilingual K-5	0.44	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 3	0.12
Bilingual 6-12	0.55	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tier 4	0.05
Commanding K-5	0.13	Specialized Academic	0.25
Commanding 6-12	0.12	Specialized Audition	0.35
Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE)	0.12	Transfer Heavy Challenge (OAUC)¹	0.40
		Transfer Non-Heavy Challenge	0.21



#### **How The FSF Weights Work**





### In FY 2021, New York State Will Provide New York City With \$1.9 Billion Less Than Their Obligation Under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity Ruling

- The CFE ruling determined that New York State was not meeting its constitutional requirements in funding public schools and the State agreed to phase in additional funding to New York City schools over four years.
- During the recession, New York State walked away from this obligation. This year, the Department of Education will receive \$1.9 billion dollars less than its CFE-mandated level from the State.
- In fact, in FY 2021, NYCDOE State Aid was reduced by \$717 million and federal CARES Act funding was substituted in its place, resulting in no net benefit to NYC DOE from federal stimulus funding.
- Without additional State support, New York City cannot provide each school with 100% of their Fair Student Funding obligation.



# Despite This Funding Shortfall, New York City Has Made Significant Investments in Order to Maintain Services for Students Through the COVID-19 Crisis

- Over 450,000 DOE-funded devices have been purchased and issued to students.
- There are currently 450 Learning Bridges programs citywide providing free child care for children from 3-K through eighth grade, with the capacity to serve nearly 44,000 students. That number continues to increase as we expand seats across all five boroughs.
- Additionally, DOE invested significant new funding to support school reopening, including:
  - \$80 million directly to school budgets to fund staffing needs associated with programming in-person and remote learning models, and \$10 million in planning grants to help schools prepare for the new school year.
  - \$50 million in cleaning supplies and PPE and \$22 million for ventilation repairs, air purifiers, and partitions to support safety in our school buildings



#### **School Budgeting Timeline**

- **Feb-April:** Based on initial budget estimates of City and State revenue, the DOE presents the CECs with the proposed Fair Student Funding weights for the coming school year. The presentation tonight serves to advise CECs and school district communities of the formula and if there are any proposed changes. This presentation is also posted on the DOE's website at https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/data-and-reports.
- **April/May**: The Panel for Educational Policy votes on the proposed Fair Student Funding weights for the coming school year.
- Late Spring: DOE releases budget allocations to schools.
- **June:** Principals along with their School Leadership Teams propose budgets for the coming year.
- **July:** Superintendents must certify alignment between school budgets and Comprehensive Educational Plans (CEPs) for the coming year.
- **September:** The new school year begins!



## More Information Is Available Online About Fair Student Funding and School Budgets

- You can find the following online on the DOE's "Infohub," under "Reports >> Financial Data and Reports":
  - Detailed information about each and every school budget allocation in the form of "school allocation memoranda" or "SAMs."
  - A programmatic guide to Fair Student Funding, as well as how the FSF allocation is calculated for each school.
- You can find the following online on each individual school webpage, under "Reports >> Budget and Finances":
  - Detailed information of the school's budget based on the different types of funding schools receive, and
  - Detailed information as to how the Principal has budgeted for the current year, including the number of staff positions and other planned spending.



### **QUESTIONS?**



#### We want your feedback!

Comments and questions may be directed below by April 27, 2021.

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