



# SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Foundation Aid Spending Plan 2022-2023

In accordance with New York's adopted state budget, Section 10-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, requires school districts receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 must create plans on how these funds will be used to address student performance and need.

Plans can include but not limited to:

- (i) increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap;
- (ii) reducing class sizes;
- (iii) providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas;
- (iv) addressing student social emotional health; and
- (v) providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness.

Prior to posting such plan, each school district shall seek public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

The Seneca Falls CSD foundation aid increase for the 2022-23 academic year of \$1,459,389 equates to a 15% annual increase, which exceeds the 10% threshold for a required utilization plan. Despite the new planning mandate and earmarked suggestions, foundation aid remains an unrestricted aid category in its application. The New York State Education Department released a memo on May 16, 2022 providing guidance on this legislative requirement.

The planned usage of the 2022-23 increase in foundation aid for the Seneca Falls Central School District is:  
NYS foundation aid increase: \$1,459,389

Support for students with disabilities (Including speech support): \$798,107  
Increasing graduation rates through school counselling (including homelessness support): \$126,284  
Reducing class sizes for kindergarten: \$404,318  
Reducing class sizes for grades 9-12 content area (Earth Science): \$130,680

Public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on this plan is welcome and appreciated. All comments on the proposed utilization of foundation aid for the 2022-23 school year should be directed to Mr. James Bruni, Administrator of Business and Operations, at 315.568.5874 by June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Online Public Posting of Proposal: May 23, 2022  
Board of Education Acceptance: June 23, 2022