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Foundation Aid Spending Plan 2023-2024

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 2023-24 academic year of \$2,563,418 equates to a 22.64% 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 providing guidance on this legislative requirement.

The District began with a community survey to elicit responses on funding options. The survey was developed through a Google Form with 11 options and an open-ended choice. The survey was promoted on the District's website via a news story to draw attention to its completion (news story capture below). Survey completers included Teachers, Administrators, Parents, PTO Members, and Community Members.

NYS Foundation Aid Community Survey
May 10 2023

The Seneca Falls Central School District is slated to receive additional foundation aid in the 2023-24 school year. As a result of this, the District is required to seek public and stakeholder input on the utilization of these funds. Please take a few moments to respond to the following questions regarding your input for these funds. If you choose to complete some or all of this form, please submit the form by the end of the day Monday, May 22nd.

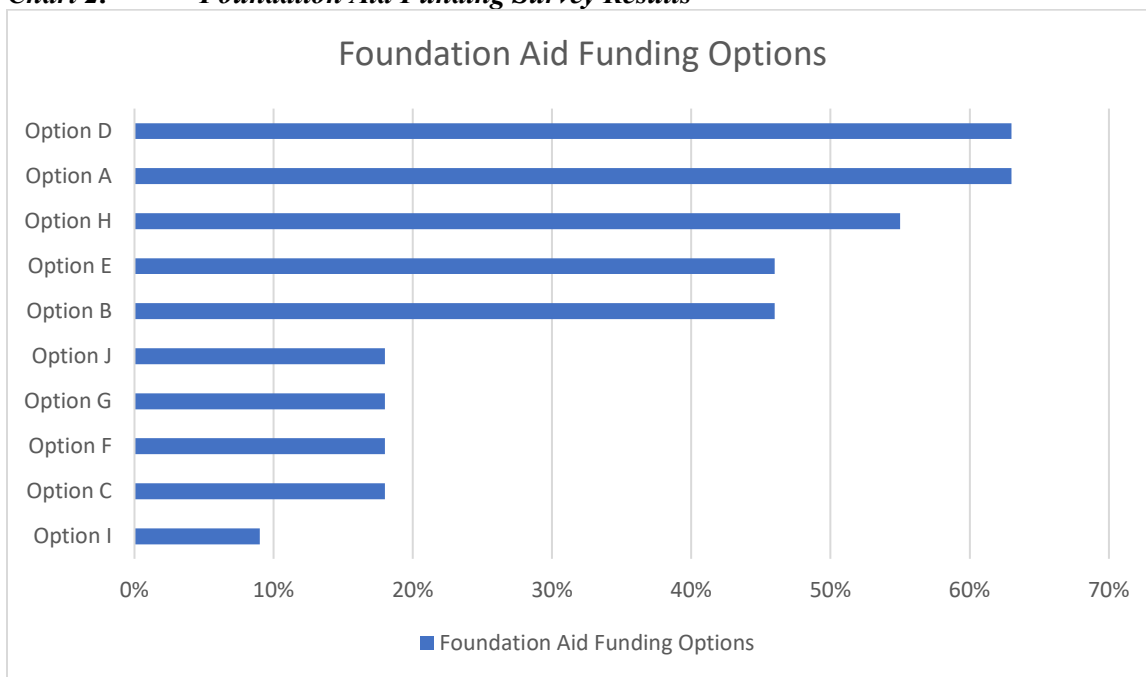
[Foundation Aid Community Survey](#)

The survey options are listed below in Chart 1 as well as the results in Chart 2. Respondents were asked to select three funding options or choose "other" and specify the priority area. Survey results and the funding plan options were presented to the District Steering Committee on May 22nd. A draft of the Foundation Aid Plan will be posted on the District's website after the District Steering Committee meeting and will be made final after Board of Education approval on June 22nd, 2023. The Foundation Aid plan will also be entered in and submitted through the NYS Business Portal before July 1, 2023.

Chart 1: Foundation Aid Funding Survey Options

Option	Foundation Aid Survey Option
A	Reduction or maintain class sizes in elementary and secondary classrooms
B	Continue to offer dual credit courses to allow to students to gain college credit
C	Social Emotional Learning and Health Services
D	Provide supports for students who are not meeting or at risk through Academic Intervention and Responses to Intervention
E	Provide an increase in counseling services through in-district and community agencies
F	Upgrade district building infrastructure to continue to support programming
G	Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness
H	Increase multi-tiered systems of support for academics and behavior for students
I	Increase student access to devices and software while also protecting student data
J	Continue to offer professional development to all staff ranging from engagement strategies to DEI

Chart 2: Foundation Aid Funding Survey Results



The planned usage of the 2023-24 increase in foundation aid (Increase: \$2,563,418) for the Seneca Falls Central School District is:

Option	Foundation Aid Survey Option	Funding
A	Reduction or maintain class sizes in elementary and secondary classrooms	\$1,016,910
B	Continue to offer dual credit courses to allow to students to gain college credit	\$517,485
D	Provide supports for students who are not meeting or at risk through Academic Intervention and Responses to Intervention	\$406,125
H	Increase multi-tiered systems of support for academics and behavior for students (Changed out MTSS (supported with stimulus funding) with Option G: Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	\$622,853

Online Public Posting of Proposal: June 1, 2023
 Board of Education Acceptance: June 22, 2023
 NYS Business Portal Submission: June 23, 2023

