

Suffolk Region Education Report:

April 2022

April 9, 2022: Governor Hochul's 2023 budget shows what appears to be unprecedented support for Education. The focus is on Pre-K, Mental Health and College students. Some highlights are:

- School aid Increase of \$2.1 Billion, for Highest Funding Level in State History
- \$125 Million Increase in Pre-Kindergarten for Four-Year-Old Children
- \$100 Million To Provide Academic and Mental Health Supports for Students and Educators
- \$2.2 Billion in New Capital for SUNY and CUNY Campuses
- \$500 Million in New Operating Support for SUNY and CUNY
- \$150 Million of Tuition Assistance for Part Time Students

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-unprecedented-support-education-fy-2023-budget-including-315-billion>

April 12, 2022: *The State Education Department awarded nearly \$95 million in subgrants to school districts, not-for-profits, institutions of higher education, and other community-focused organizations to expand or establish 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) across the state, Commissioner Betty A. Rosa announced today. The funds will support 136 programs and will be used by the districts and organizations to provide supplemental services and enrichments for students most in need of additional supports.*

“As our students across the state continue to recover from the pandemic, it is important that we encourage and provide resources for schools, in partnership with outside agencies, to deliver supplemental supports for our most vulnerable students,” said Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. “These grants will enable our schools to engage with local partners to expand enrichment activities and services to meet the needs of the families in their communities.”

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/21st-century-community-learning-centers-awards.xlsx>

March 25, 2022 My Brother's Keeper Fellows Program: The purpose of the MBK Fellows Grant is to provide high school students, with an emphasis on boys and young men of color, with opportunities to gain authentic leadership experiences and develop service projects beneficial to the schools they attend and the communities they live in. Here is an update:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/My-Brother-s-Keeper--Changing-the-Narrative.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=VbnHHSOTGeY>

School Budgets: NOW is the time to give your input on next year's schools budget!!!! Your local board of education is beginning to hold their meetings to formulate next year's budget. Once the budget is released, it's too late. Attend meetings now and give your input.