



High-Impact Tutoring Policy Working Group

Please rename yourself to include your organization and/or district.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite summer activity?

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Agenda

- I. Welcome + Framing (5 min)
- II. Updates (10 min)
- III. NYS FY 2025 Budget Analysis (10 min)
 - o Foundation Aid, Science of Reading, Mayoral Control
- IV. Group Activity (25 min)
- V. NYC Class Size Mandate (5 min)
- VI. Close (5 min)
 - o Feedback Survey

Community Agreements



Stay engaged



Expect and accept a lack of closure



Speak your Truth



Bring your identity



Bring a willingness to learn and unlearn

Adapted from Glenn E. Singleton & Curtis Linton, *Courageous Conversations about Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools*. 2006. pp.58-65. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Updates

Initiative Updates

- Over the past two years NYCPS received federal stimulus funds to offset the cost of HIT
- We recently found out that these funds are unavailable for next year and are uncertain about the level of financial support Central will provide next year
- It is likely schools will be asked to cover a larger portion of the cost per student than originally anticipated

Policy Updates

- New York State Budget for FY 2025 passed on April 20th
 - Fiscal Year April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025
- Mayor Eric Adams commits \$500 million to partially avert fiscal cliff for NYC schools
- President Biden mentioned high-impact tutoring in his annual State of the Union address

What is in the FY 2025 Budget?

School Aid and Foundation Aid Formula

- The FY 2025 Budget invests \$35.9 billion into school aid, including \$24.9 billion in Foundation Aid
 - Increases Foundation Aid for the poorest 63 districts in the State
- Commissions a Rockefeller Institute **study to examine Foundation Aid** and prepare for formula changes next year

What Foundation Aid formula changes could be beneficial to HIT?

- The Foundation Aid formula consists of five core pieces:
 - A uniform per pupil amount, a Pupil Needs Index, a Regional Cost Index, the Expected Local Contribution.
- The Foundation Aid formula was established in 2007 and has not been changed since then
- Fully funded for the first time in 2023

What is in the FY 2025 Budget?

'Back to Basics' Reading Plan

- Ensures every school district utilizes instructional best practices grounded in the science of reading to improve reading proficiency among New York's children
- School districts will be required to annually review their curriculum and instructional practices for alignment
- The Budget also includes \$10 million to train 20,000 teachers in these instructional best practices
- Additionally, the Budget expands the State University of New York and the City University of New York's micro-credentialing programs for teachers focused on the science of reading to ensure current and future teachers seeking advanced education are best prepared

What is in the FY 2025 Budget?

New York City School Governance

- The FY 2025 Budget provides a two-year extension of the current system of mayoral control governance of New York City public schools, which was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024
- The system gives the mayor the power to choose a schools chancellor and appoint a majority of members to the city's Panel for Educational Policy, or PEP, a city board that votes on major policy proposals and contracts

Mayoral control centralizes power over the city's schools in the hands of the mayor.

What is the challenge?

The Goal: Establish funding for HIT at the city or state level

- Ideally by incorporating high-impact tutoring into the FY 2026 Executive Budget
- This could be through tying appropriations to A7788 (discussed in March)

The Challenge: Convince New York Lawmakers that funding HIT is the most effective use of public education funds



Group Activity

Refining our key messages about HIT

- How can we refine our advocacy messages for HIT to engage champions given the current policy context?
 - How would the mayoral control affect our framing?
 - How can we use the 'Back to Basics' Reading Plan to frame an argument for HIT funding?
 - What Foundation Aid formula changes could help establish state funding for HIT?
- Fill out the [HIT Framing Activity Document](#) with examples of how to advocate for HIT given the different policy influences

What is the NYC Class-Size Mandate?

- In September of 2022, the Governor Kathy Hochul signed a law that requires schools in New York City to reduce their class sizes to no more than:
 - 20 students in grades K–3,
 - 23 students in grades 4–8
 - 25 students in high school

Smaller classes = more teachers

- By 2028, the NYC will need thousands of new teachers at an annual cost of between \$1.3 billion to \$1.9 billion
- Currently there is no earmarked state funding attached to the class size law

This is currently a education funding priority for NYC law makers

Feedback Survey

- **Follow-Up Survey:**
 - Feedback Survey
- **Important Dates:**
 - ***Next Policy Working Group:*** Wednesday, June 13th 12:00pm – 1:00pm





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