State University of New York (SUNY) 2019/20 Operating and Capital Budget Summary

Background:

As of March 31st, 2019 all parts of the 2019/20 New York State budget have been printed. Further, more detailed, information will be provided in the coming days - if needs be - following further analysis and discussion with the Division of the Budget (DOB) and Executive/Legislative staff.

Please note that, while the budget has not been officially enacted, it should be considered in the process of being "Enacted".

Major highlights include:

- \$109.5M in one-time Direct State Tax Support has been accelerated, with no impact on future year funding, to offset one-time costs associated with the United University Professions (UUP) contract in 2018/19 for State-operated campuses
- Establishment of a funding floor for the Community Colleges, set at the greater benefit of a \$100 increase in Community College "Base Aid" per Funded Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) student funding or 98 percent of 2018/19 levels;
- Full implementation of the Excelsior Scholarship program, which increases eligibility based on adjusted gross income from \$110,000 in 2018/19 to \$125,000 in 2019/20 and thereafter
- Restoration of funding for a number of University-wide programs reduced in the Executive Budget as well as additional funding for several existing programs;
- The continuation of a Predictable Tuition Plan and Maintenance of Effort for the State-operated campuses;
- Provision of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) reimbursement State match funding of \$460M;
- Provision of Capital investment comparable to 2018/19 levels.

Funding Changes:

The 2019/20 Enacted Budget provides an overall increase in Direct State Tax Support to the SUNY system of \$1.6M, primarily due to the Family Empowerment Pilot Program and revised funding formula at the Community Colleges, partially offset by decreases in several University-wide program funding levels¹. Not included in the prior number is the increase to the State's DSH match ceiling which is partially offset by the removal of one-time Care Restructuring Enhancement Pilot (CREP) program federal funding (\$92.0M) provided to the hospitals in 2018/19.

Note that this summary only reflects funding provided directly to SUNY and does not include indirect support (e.g., fringe benefits which are projected to increase year-to-year) and/or funding available in other areas of the budget.

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¹ Exclusive of the \$109.5M acceleration of Direct State Tax Support

State-operated Campuses ² Year-to-Year Direct	State Tax Support
<u>Event / Action</u> 2018/19 Enacted Budget	Value <u>(\$M)</u> \$730.0 ³
Executive Reductions None	\$-
Enacted Adds/Restorations None	\$-
2019/20 Enacted Budget	\$730.0
\$ Change % Change	\$- N/A

Statutory Campuses: (\$0.6M) / -0.4%

Statutory Campuses Year-to-Year Direct State	e Tax Support
Event / Action	Value <u>(\$M)</u>
2018/19 Enacted Budget	
Alfred Ceramics	\$8.1
Cornell Statutory	78.9
Cornell-wide programs	42.3
Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)	<u>4.5</u>
Grand Total Statutory Campuses	\$133.8
Executive Reductions	
Harvest NY CCE Reduction	(\$0.6)
Enacted Adds/Restorations None	\$-
2019/20 Enacted Budget	
Alfred Ceramics	\$8.1
Cornell Statutory	78.9
Cornell-wide programs	42.3
Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)	<u>3.9</u>
Grand Total Statutory Campuses	\$133.2
\$ Change	(\$0.6)
% Change	-0.4%

Note: \$0.5*M in Direct State Tax Support for the Cornell Statutory Veterinary College program and* \$150.0*K for the Cornell Center in Buffalo are both reflected in the central University-wide program area.*

² 2019/20 Enacted Budget appropriates the same level of authority for the Revenue Offset, General IFR, SUTRA, and Dormitory Operations Funds as 2018/19, and reappropriates 2018/19 General IFR spending authority into 2019/20.

³ Includes \$694.2M for State-operated campuses, \$13.8M for System Administration, \$18.0M for the Performance Investment Fund (PIF) / Competitive Investment Fund (CIF), and \$4.0M for Open Educational Resources (OER). Does not include approximately \$1.8B in employee benefits paid for by the State, a \$41.1M increase or \$787.6M in capital debt service payments, an \$8.6M decrease.

Community Colleges: +\$3.4M / 0.7%

The 2019/20 Enacted Budget establishes a funding floor to help stabilize operations and provides for a predictable base level of funding. This floor is established at the greater of either 98 percent of 2018/19 budgeted Base Aid funding levels or the amount driven by Base Aid funding of \$2,947/FTE.

Community Colleges Year-to-Year Direct State Tax	x Support ⁴
	Value
Event / Action	<u>(\$M)</u>
2018/19 Enacted Budget	
Base Aid (\$2,847/FTE)	\$453.5
Categorical Programs	<u>24.3</u>
Grand Total Community Colleges	\$477.8
Executive Reductions/Eliminations/Adds	
Enrollment Changes	(\$11.7)
Child Care Reduction	(1.1)
Orange CC Bridges Program	(0.1)
Family Empowerment CC Pilot	<u>3.0</u>
Subtotal Changes/Eliminations/Adds	(\$9.9)
Enacted Adds/Restorations/Reductions/Other	
Establishment of Floor and Per FTE Increase	\$12.1
Child Care Restoration	1.1
Orange CC Bridges Program Restoration	<u>0.1</u>
Subtotal Adds/Restorations	\$1 <mark>3.3</mark>
2019/20 Enacted Budget	
Base Aid (Greater of Floor or \$2,947/FTE)	\$453.9
Categorical Programs	<u>27.3</u>
Grand Total Community Colleges	\$481.2
\$ Change	\$3.4
% Change	0.7%

Categorical Program changes follow on page four (4), with a by college view of year-to-year changes in Direct State Tax Support provided on page five (5):

	2018/19 Value	2019/20 Value		
Program	(\$M)	(\$M)	\$ Difference	% Difference
Rental Aid	\$11.6	\$11.6	-	-
NY Job Linkage⁵	3.0	3.0	-	-
Family Empowerment	-	3.0	3.0	N/A
SUNY Apprentice	3.0	3.0	-	-
Child Care	2.1	2.1	-	-
Contract Courses	1.9	1.9	-	-
High Needs	1.7	1.7	-	-
Low Enrollment	0.9	0.9	-	-
Orange County CC Bridges Program	0.1	0.1	-	-
Grand Total	\$24.3	\$27.3	\$3.0	12.4%

 ⁴ Please note this reflects appropriated, State Fiscal Year (SFY) values (April 1 to March 31) and not Academic Fiscal Year (primarily September 1 to August 31)
 ⁵ Language was modified in 2018/19 from a formulaic allocation to one based on a workforce development plan being submitted by the State university of New York for approval to the director of the budget.

State University of New York (SUNY) Summary of 2019/20 Community College Budget - Academic Year 2018/19 SUNY Approved Base Aid Funding versus 2019/20 Enacted Sorted Low to High by Percentage Change

				Diff 2018/19 Approv	ed vs. 2019/20 Enacted
	Α	В	C	D = C - A	E=D/A
	2018/19 SUNY				
	Approved	2019/20	2019/20		
College	Budget	Funded FTE	-	\$	%
Nassau	\$ 43,315,287	14,208	\$ 42,448,981	_) -2.0%
Clinton	2,717,718	906	2,670,719	•	
Onondaga	20,148,219	6,727	19,823,449		
Herkimer County	6,040,622	2,022	5,960,190) (80,433) -1.3%
Columbia-Greene	2,934,631	987	2,907,274	(27,356) -0.9%
Niagara County	11,723,432	3,947	11,631,802	2 (91,630) -0.8%
Schenectady County	9,171,326	3,090	9,105,894	(65,432) -0.7%
Mohawk Valley	13,249,881	4,472	13,180,399	(69,483) -0.5%
Genesee	10,252,645	3,463	10,205,549	(47,095) -0.5%
Finger Lakes	11,919,051	4,040	11,906,970) (12,081) -0.1%
Hudson Valley	22,521,450	7,675	22,617,135	5 95,685	0.4%
Fulton-Montgomery	4,783,045	1,630	4,804,435	5 21,390	0.4%
Jamestown	8,208,841	2,816	8,299,813	3 90,972	1.1%
Dutchess	17,955,203	6,166	18,172,558	3 217,354	1.2%
Monroe	32,846,579	11,332	33,395,286	5 548,707	1.7%
Ulster County	6,072,366	2,099	6,186,342	113,976	1.9%
Tompkins Cortland	10,019,447	3,465	10,212,062	2 192,615	1.9%
Jefferson	7,322,854	2,536	7,473,651	150,797	2.1%
Broome	14,179,626	4,914	14,481,617	301,991	2.1%
Suffolk County	53,082,010	18,426	54,300,968	3 1,218,957	2.3%
Westchester	31,822,286	11,061	32,597,121	774,835	2.4%
Fashion Institute	24,449,182	8,500	25,049,500) 600,318	2.5%
Cayuga County	7,320,662	2,550	7,514,850) 194,188	2.7%
Rockland	16,565,725	5,771	17,007,947	442,222	2.7%
Adirondack	7,677,220	2,677	7,889,826	5 212,606	2.8%
Orange County	13,059,331	4,560	13,438,320) 378,989	2.9%
Corning	7,231,380	2,528	7,450,016	5 218,636	3.0%
Erie	30,238,955	10,750	31,679,071	1,440,116	4.8%
North Country	3,179,893	1,150	3,389,050) 209,157	6.6%
Sullivan County	3,040,881	1,117	3,291,799	250,918	8.3%
Total	\$ 453,049,748	155,587	\$ 459,092,595	\$ 6,042,847	1.3%
			Count Incre	ase 20	
			Average Incre	ase \$ 383,722	
			Count Decre	ase 10	
			Average Decre	ase \$ (163,158))

Teaching Hospitals Year-to-Year Direct State	e Tax Support
Event / Action	Value <u>(\$M)</u>
2018/19 Enacted Budget	\$0.0
Executive Reductions None	\$-
Enacted Adds/Restorations None	\$-
2019/20 Enacted Budget	\$0.0
\$ Change % Change	\$0.0 0.0%

Authority provided to the three teaching hospitals and the Long Island Veterans Home to expend their own revenue has been adjusted upwards by \$347.0M and \$1.7M respectively from 2018/19 levels. As noted prior, the State has provided a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) State match funding of \$460M;

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University-wide Year-to-Year Direct State Tax Supp	ort
Event / Action	Value <u>(\$M)</u>
2018/19 Enacted Budget	\$159.0
Executive Reductions/Eliminations	
EOC/ATTAIN	(\$7.0)
EOP	(5.4)
Small Business Development Centers	(1.5)
Graduate Diversity Fellowships	(0.6)
Mental Health Services/Telecounseling Network	(0.6)
Cord Blood Center	(0.5)
Cornell Veterinary College	(0.3)
Stony Brook Center for Italian Studies	(0.3)
Cornell Center in Buffalo	(0.2)
American Chestnut Tree Project	(0.1)
Benjamin Center	(0.1)
Stony Brook Algonquian Language Revitalization	<u>(0.1)</u>
Subtotal Reductions/Eliminations	(\$16.5)
Enacted Adds/Restorations/Other	
EOC/ATTAIN	\$7.0
EOP	5.4
Small Business Development Centers	0.7
Graduate Diversity Fellowships	0.6
Mental Health Services/Telecounseling Network	0.5
Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion	0.4
Cornell Veterinary College	0.3
Cornell Center in Buffalo	0.2
American Chestnut Tree Project	0.1
Benjamin Center	0.1
Center for Women in Government	0.1
Stony Brook Algonquian Language Revitalization	<u>0.1</u>
Subtotal Adds/Restorations	\$15.3
2019/20 Enacted Budget	\$157.7
\$ Change	(\$1.3)
% Change	-0.8%

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

State University of New York (SUNY) Changes in University-wide Programs 2018/19 Enacted Budget to 2019/20 Enacted Budget Sorted High to Low on 2019/20 Enacted Budget Values

	A	В	С	D=C-A	E = D/A
				Year-to-Yea	
Program Name	2018/19 Enacted	2019/20 Executive	2019/20 Enacted	\$	%
Educational Opportunity Centers / ATTAIN	\$ 62,036,300	\$ 55,036,300	\$ 62,036,300	\$ -	0.0%
Educational Opportunity Program	32,170,000	26,808,000	32,170,000	-	0.0%
Empire Innovation Program	9,497,400	9,497,400	9,497,400	-	0.0%
Graduate Diversity Fellowships	6,639,300	6,039,300	6,639,300	-	0.0%
Educational Technology and Library Services	5,081,600	5,081,600	5,081,600	-	0.0%
System-Wide IT Services	4,764,400	4,764,400	4,764,400	-	0.0%
Academic Equipment Replacement	4,373,200	4,373,200	4,373,200	-	0.0%
High Needs Program	3,164,300	3,164,300	3,164,300	-	0.0%
Student Loans	3,114,100	3,114,100	3,114,100	-	0.0%
Small Business Development Centers	3,473,200	1,973,200	2,673,200	(800,000)	-23.0%
Teacher Education and Support	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,050,000	-	0.0%
Nanoscale Science and Engineering	1,928,600	1,928,600	1,928,600	-	0.0%
Rockefeller Institute of Government	1,826,200	1,826,200	1,826,200		0.0%
SUNY and the World	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000		0.0%
Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence	1,747,400	1,747,400	1,747,400	-	0.0%
Additional High Needs	1,663,600	1,663,600	1,663,600	-	0.0%
Innovative Instruction and Academic Excellence	1,607,700	1,607,700	1,607,700		0.0%
State University Student Tuition Assistance	1,570,700	1,570,700	1,570,700	-	0.0%
Child Care	1,567,800	1,567,800	1,567,800	-	0.0%
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion / Hispanic Leadership Institute	791,400	791,400	1,141,400	350,000	44.2%
Charter Schools	848,600	848,600	848,600	-	0.0%
Diversity Scholarships	621,900	621,900	621,900	-	0.0%
Services for Students with Disabilities	544,100	544,100	544,100	-	0.0%
Mental Health Services	600,000	-	500,000	(100,000)	-16.7%
SUNY Polytechnic Staffing and Research Faculty	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	0.0%
Cornell Veterinary College	500,000	250,000	500,000	-	0.0%
Seamless Education Pipeline	435,600	435,600	435,600	-	0.0%
Faculty Diversity Program	422,000	422,000	422,000		0.0%
Sea Grant Institute	411,800	411,800	411,800	-	0.0%
SUNY Leadership Institute	360,400	360,400	360,400	-	0.0%
Library Conservation and Preservation	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	0.0%
Energy Smart and Healthier NY	279,300	279,300	279,300	-	0.0%
Maritime Scholarships	239,600	239,600	239,600	-	0.0%
Native American Program	215,200	215,200	215,200	-	0.0%
Cord Blood Center	705,600	205,600	205,600	(500,000)	-70.9%
Center for Women in Government	100,000	100,000	200,000	100,000	100.0%
Cornell Center in Buffalo	150,000	-	150,000	-	0.0%
SUNY Multimedia Services	118,500	118,500	118,500		0.0%
Community College Tuition Reimbursement	116,700	116,700	116,700	-	0.0%
American Chestnut Research & Restoration Project	100,000		100,000		0.0%
Benjamin Center	100,000	-	100,000		0.0%
Student Assembly	57,100	57,100	57,100		0.0%
Stony Brook Algonquian Language Revitalization	50,000		50,000		0.0%
Stony Brook Center for Italian Studies	300,000		-	(300,000)	-100.0%
Total	\$ 158,993,600	\$ 142,481,600	\$ 157,743,600	\$(1,250,000)	-0.8%

State University of New York (SUNY) 2019/20 Enacted Capital Budget Appropriation Summary

The 2019/20 Capital Budget for SUNY includes all prior year appropriations (re-appropriations) and new appropriations as detailed in the table below. The enacted capital appropriations for all programs (Educational Facilities, Hospital, Community Colleges and Residence Hall) are the same as those advanced in the Executive Budget.

Summary of 2019/20 Capital Items				
Educational Facilities	2019/20 Executive Budget <u>(\$M)</u>	2019/20 Enacted Budget <u>(\$M)</u>	Change (\$M)	
System-wide Critical Maintenance (existing facilities only)	<u>\$550.0</u>	<u>\$550.0</u>	\$0.0	
Allocated to each campus	153.4	153.4	0.0	
 Lump sum for high priority critical maintenance projects 	396.6	396.6	0.0	
Community Colleges (State share)	\$37.1	\$37.1	\$0.0	
Residence Halls (pay-as-you go)	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	
Hospitals New Capital Support				
Stony Brook	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	
Upstate	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$0.0	
Other Economic Development Programs				
NY-SUNY 2020 – New Round	\$55.0	\$55.0	\$0.0	
Regional Economic Development Councils	\$150.0	\$150.0	\$0.0	
High Technology Innovation & Economic Development				
Infrastructure Program	\$325.0	\$325.0	\$0.0	

Other items of interest:

- A new \$55.0M appropriation is provided for another round of NY-SUNY 2020 grants, and all colleges, universities and community colleges are eligible to compete.
- Campuses are also eligible to apply for funding through the local Regional Economic Development Councils which received \$150.0M in new funding.
- A total of \$325.0M is appropriated to the Urban Development Corporation for the High Technology Innovation and Economic Development Infrastructure Program. This program is for projects that foster research and development of innovative technologies, leverage private investment in advanced science and technology economic development and other economic development that leverage private investment.
- Language that would have authorized the State University Construction Fund to utilize alternative procurement methods (design/build, construction manager at-risk) was not included in the Enacted Budget.
- A prior year appropriation originally provided for planning for a law school at Stony Brook University has been redirected to support the development of academic and student space at Stony Brook's Southampton Campus.
- The Enacted Budget recommends reauthorization of all prior year appropriations, totaling \$3.5B for SUNY's capital programs.

SUNY Critical Maintenance Appropriations

Distribution by Campus

(Dollars in 000's)				
Sector/Campus	2018/19 Enacted Budget Allocation	2019/20 Enacted Budget Allocation	Difference 2018/19 Enacted to 2019/20 Enacted	
Research University Centers				
Albany	\$22,312	\$9,744	(\$12,568)	
Binghamton	24,793	10,268	(14,525)	
Buffalo University	41,473	19,484	(21,989)	
Stony Brook	49,105	23,289	(25,816)	
Other Research/Doctoral				
Alfred Ceramics	\$1,974	\$806	(\$1,168)	
Brooklyn HSC	8,480	2,626	(5,854)	
Cornell	22,863	9,132	(13,731)	
Forestry	5,582	2,324	(3,258)	
Optometry	2,076	927	(1,149)	
Syracuse HSC	6,165	2,328	(3,837)	
Comprehensive Colleges				
Brockport	\$12,719	\$5,309	(\$7,410)	
Buffalo College	14,917	6,162	(8,755)	
Cortland	11,056	4,606	(6,450)	
Empire State	947	400	(547)	
Fredonia	8,669	3,383	(5,286)	
Geneseo	8,227	3,385	(4,842)	
New Paltz	11,284	4,731	(6,553)	
Old Westbury	5,808	2,877	(2,931)	
Oneonta	9,252	3,953	(5,299)	
Oswego	13,270	5,404	(7,866)	
Plattsburgh	8,653	3,847	(4,806)	
Potsdam	8,976	3,753	(5,223)	
Purchase	9,637	5,042	(4,595)	
Colleges of Technology				
Alfred	\$5,432	\$2,174	(\$3,258)	
Canton	4,209	1,801	(2,408)	
Cobleskill	4,439	1,878	(2,561)	
Delhi	4,260	1,885	(2,375)	
Farmingdale	11,517	5,496	(6,021)	
Maritime	4,168	1,893	(2,275)	
Morrisville	5,336	2,250	(3,086)	
Polytechnic Institute	2,394	1,084	(1,310)	
<u>Other</u>				
State University Plaza	\$3,407	\$1,159	(\$2,248)	
Priority Critical Maintenance Projects	196,600	396,600	200,000	
Total	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$-	

State University of New York (SUNY) Community College Capital: New Projects Sorted Alphabetically by College Name (Thousands of Dollars)

Item	College	Project	State Share
1	Adirondack	Critical/Deferred Maintenance and Campus Improvements	\$ 683
2	Broome	CEA Center for Integrated Research - Design	125
3	Broome	Critical Maintenance Projects	48
4	Cayuga	Renovation/Use of Cornell Cooperative Extension Building	2,400
5	Cayuga	Childcare Facilities Renovation	500
6	Cayuga	Campus Renovations	100
7	Corning	Planetarium Renovations	225
8	Corning	Critical Maintenance Needs - Campuswide	140
9	Corning	Academic Buildings - Safety Issues Remediation	75
10	Dutchess	Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Program Expansion	2,500
11	Dutchess	Roof Replacements Ph II - Campuswide	1,594
12	Dutchess	Hudson Hall Critical Maintenance	50
13	Erie	Improvements and Renovations - Collegewide	2,600
14	FIT	Energy Savings Projects - Campuswide	3,920
15	FIT	HVAC Projects - Campuswide	2,301
16	FIT	Façade Repairs - Local law 11	673
17	Finger Lakes	2019 Capital Improvement Project	640
18	Finger Lakes	CMAC Amphitheater Safety Issues/Upgrades	308
19	Finger Lakes	Parking and Utility improvements	300
20	Finger Lakes	Facilities Master Plan	125
21	Finger Lakes	Athletic Fields Upgrades	100
22	Fulton-Montgomery	Renovations to Theater and Other Buildings	575
23	Fulton-Montgomery	Classroom Building Ph II	500
24	Genesee	Emergency and Standby Power	350
25	Herkimer	Smart Grid Laboratory FF&E	96
26	Herkimer	External Stairs Rehabilitation	50
27	Herkimer	Swimming Pool Infrastructure/Equipment Rehabilitation	30
28	Hudson Valley	Guenther/Fitzgibbon Halls Repair and Renovation	655
29	Hudson Valley	Facilities Master Plan	175
30	Hudson Valley	Parking Lots Critical Repairs	160
31	Jamestown	Critical Maintenance - Campuswide	558
32	Mohawk Valley	Airframe & Powerplant Hangar Renovation	500
33	Mohawk Valley	Wayfinding & Signage -Campuswide	42
34	North Country	Critical Maintenance and Renovations	150
35	Orange	Campus Critical Maintenance Projects	718
36	Schenectady	Begley Learning Commons Renovations - Ph II	4,746
37	Suffolk	Infrastructure Improvements: year 5 - Collegewide	2,575
38	Suffolk	Life Safety - Collegewide	100
39	Ulster	Roof Replacement and Exterior Work	2,245
40	Ulster	Infrastructure Improvements	800
41	Ulster	Sitework	750
42	Ulster	Equipment and Technology	377
43	Westchester	Technology Upgrades	650
44	Westchester	Library Building A/C Equipment Replacement	550
45	Westchester	Roof Replacement Phase V - Campuswide	301
		Total	\$37,060

Legislative Language and Policy Changes for 2019/20

Please note that the below adjustments to standing legislation indicate the changes included in the 2019/20 Enacted State Budget and do not account for potential other bills that will be advanced during the remainder of Session.

Items that were advanced as part of the Executive Budget, or either the Senate or Assembly One House Bills, that are not reflected in the below should be considered to be excluded from the final 2019/20 Enacted State Budget.

Item	Summary
Tuition Flexibility Related to Concurrent Enrollment Offerings	 Allows for the entities controlling tuition rate setting (local Boards of Trustees in the case of Community Colleges, SUNY Board of Trustees for State-operated Campuses) to set a lower rate of tuition and fees / waive tuition and fees entirely for students taking college credit courses – not offered at the college campus - while enrolled in high school
The Senator Jose R. Peralta New York State DREAM Act	 Makes students without lawful immigration status eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship, the Tuition Assistance Program, the Enhanced Tuition Award, and other State financial assistance programs offered to college students who are New York State residents.
Foster Youth Program Language Clarifications	 Adjusts existing language around the Foster Youth Program to clarify at what age a student becomes eligible to be considered a Foster Youth, and use of funds by an Institution of Higher Education where said student is enrolled.
U. Albany ETEC Land Lease	 Authorizes and empowers the SUNY Board of Trustees to lease or otherwise contract up to 15,000 square feet of space and facilities at ETEC
Food Donation and Food Scrap Recycling	 Adds a new section to Environmental Conservation Law that sets certain requirements on entities that generate – at a single location – an annual average of two (2) tons or more of food scraps per week based on a methodology to be developed by the Department of Environmental Conservation
Requirements for Student Loan Servicers	 Adds a new component to Banking Law that requires licensing and reporting requirements for entities that service student loans. Institutions of postsecondary education are primarily exempt, but will be required to comply with reporting requirements.
Study on Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Healthcare Services	 Requires the Department of Health to engage in a study to determine how staffing enhancements and other initiatives could be used to improve the noted items. The study will commence on May 1st, and a report will be issued on or before December 31, 2019
Property Tax Cap	 Makes the 2011 Property Tax Law (which limits the year-to-year increase to property tax rates to the lower of 2.0 percent or CPI⁶) permanent

⁶ May be overruled by 60 percent of voting power of a governing board (for county, city, town, village) or 60 percent of voters (school district)

Next Steps and Opportunities

We will continue to review and discuss the contents and potential impact of the soon to be enacted 2019/20 New York State Budget and will share any information as it becomes available and / or pertinent. This includes:

- Opportunities related to the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC),
- Emergency appropriations made available for certain events,
- Lack of specific language on the interaction between SUNY and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) on procurement issues, and
- Leveraging new or sustained programmatic funding to the highest benefit possible.

In the meantime, we thank you again for all of your efforts on behalf of SUNY in this year's budget cycle. While SUNY did not realize all the items it sought in this year's final agreement, the 2019/20 Budget does represent a very good budget year for the System overall, and we will work to identify and address any issues as they become apparent to the best of our abilities. For now, it is time to take a breath, celebrate where appropriate, and prepare to address the approach to the 2020/21 Budget Cycle in the coming months.