



FSUFSD

Foundation Aid Plan

2021-2022

Background: NYSED has pledged \$1,081,346 to the FSUFSD for the 21-22 school year with the promise to fully fund Foundation Aid by 2023-24. New York State has historically withheld Foundation Aid from Districts each year since 2007. For illustrative purposes, *Foundation Aid received in 2019-20 for our District totaled \$5,840,725. Had Foundation Aid not been withheld we would have received \$9,980,552.* As a result, the FSUFSD has lost over \$39,000,000 in Foundation Aid since 2007.

Purpose: The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has issued a requirement stating that, for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, each school district receiving a foundation aid increase of more than ten percent or \$10,000,000 must post to the district website, prior to July 1 each year, a plan by school year of how the funds will be used to address student performance and need, including 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 standard 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.

Process: In developing our plan, the District has held various discussions and sought input from stakeholders including the following:

Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Meeting April 14, 2021

Administrative Council Meetings April 27, 2021, May 11, 2021

Franklin Square Teachers' Association Meeting May 11, 2021

Board of Education Meeting* April 21, 2021

Board of Education Meeting* May 4, 2021

**Special notice was sent to community members alerting them to their ability to ask questions at the Board of Education Meetings for this purpose.*

Stakeholders involved included The Board of Education, Administrators, Teachers, Parents and Staff Members and Community Members.

Plan: The FSUFSD will utilize the 2021-22 Foundation Aid increase to address student performance and need in the following ways:

- (i) The addition of three (3) Full Time Equivalent Math Lab Teachers.
- (ii) The addition of one (1) Full Time Equivalent Reading Teacher.
- (iii) The addition of one (1) Full Time Equivalent Literacy Specialist.
- (iv) The addition of supplementary Technology Support .
- (v) The addition of enhanced School Resource Office Support.
- (vi) Additional opportunities for small group, differentiated instruction.