

State Share for Community Colleges Decreases to 30.3%

—State Share would drop further under the Governor’s proposed cut for 2009-10 —

Although the state legislature recently rejected Governor Paterson’s proposal for a 2008-09 mid-year Base Aid cut to community colleges, the freeze in Base Aid for 2008-09 will result in the state share of community college funding decreasing from 30.8% in the 2007-08 academic year to 30.3% in 2008-09.

The threat of a reduction in Base Aid for 2009-10 remains because Governor Paterson proposed a 10% average decrease, from \$2,675 to \$2,405 in his 2009-10 Executive Budget proposal. If the legislature were to adopt this cut, it is estimated that the state share for community colleges could drop to as low as 26%.

The following table provides a recent history of Community College Base Aid per FTE.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Increase Over Prior Year</i>
1998	\$2,050	
1999	2,125	75
2000	2,250	125
2001	2,250	0
2002	2,300	50
2003	2,300	0
2004	2,235	-(65)
2005	2,350	115
2006	2,525	175
2007	2,675	150
2008	2,675	0
2009*	2,405	-(270)

*\$2,405 is the average Base Aid amount. The 2009-10 Executive Budget would reduce Base Aid by using a tiered system for the SUNY community colleges based on enrollment—Base Aid would range from \$2,375 to \$2,515.

Community colleges are supposed to receive 40% of their net operating costs from state aid, 33.3% from student tuition revenue, and 26.7% from the local sponsor. However the average state aid share for 2008-09 is just 30.3%, with individual campuses ranging from 17.2% to 38.8%. The average share of net operating costs from student tuition is 38.5%, with individual campuses ranging from 24.7% to 47.7%. The average share of net operating costs from the local sponsor is 31.2%, with individual campuses ranging from 15.7% to 58.1%. The following page provides the net operating cost, the state operating aid, student tuition revenue, and local sponsor revenue for each of the community colleges for 2008-09.

<i>Community Colleges 2008-09 Budget Net Operating Cost and Revenues (in thousands)</i>					<i>Community Colleges 2008-09 Budget Revenues as a Percent of Net Operating Costs (with rankings)</i>					
	Net Operating Cost	State Operating Aid	Student Tuition Revenue	Local Share Revenue	State Operating Aid		Student Tuition Revenue		Local Share Revenue	
					Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
TOTAL	\$1,529,059.2	\$462,894.8	\$589,357.7	\$476,806.7	30.3%		38.5%		31.2%	
Adirondack	\$ 21,078.1	\$ 6,647.9	\$ 8,829.2	\$ 5,601.0	31.5%	14	41.9%	9	26.6%	22
Broome	42,793.7	13,414.6	16,380.8	12,998.2	31.3	15	38.3	18	30.4	10
Cayuga County	26,981.7	8,417.4	10,816.4	7,747.8	31.2	16	40.1	11	28.7	17
Clinton	13,066.9	4,024.3	5,178.2	3,864.4	30.8	21	39.6	14	29.6	11
Columbia-Greene	14,013.3	3,727.1	4,365.3	5,920.9	26.6	26	31.2	29	42.3	2
Corning	27,134.8	8,913.0	10,237.5	7,984.3	32.8	11	37.7	20	29.4	14
Dutchess	51,117.4	16,318.8	19,740.0	15,058.6	31.9	13	38.6	17	29.5	13
Erie	87,720.0	31,869.1	37,010.0	18,840.9	36.3	3	42.2	7	21.5	26
Fashion Institute	138,576.3	23,852.0	34,217.1	80,507.2	17.2	30	24.7	30	58.1	1
Finger Lakes	32,578.0	10,698.2	12,804.6	9,075.2	32.8	12	39.3	16	27.9	19
Fulton-Montgomery	14,557.8	4,945.7	5,808.0	3,804.1	34.0	7	39.9	12	26.1	24
Genesee	30,361.4	11,196.5	12,943.0	6,221.9	36.9	2	42.6	5	20.5	28
Herkimer County	20,323.3	7,268.2	8,531.4	4,523.6	35.8	4	42.0	8	22.3	25
Hudson Valley	78,037.6	24,136.3	28,919.8	24,981.4	30.9	19	37.1	22	32.0	9
Jamestown	25,736.6	8,590.0	10,238.3	6,908.2	33.4	9	39.8	13	26.8	21
Jefferson	19,053.6	5,943.5	7,737.7	5,372.4	31.2	17	40.6	10	28.2	18
Mohawk Valley	40,094.2	12,398.8	14,579.8	13,115.6	30.9	20	36.4	27	32.7	8
Monroe	102,771.0	39,876.6	46,709.0	16,185.4	38.8	1	45.4	2	15.7	30
Nassau	186,889.5	49,489.0	69,290.8	68,109.7	26.5	27	37.1	21	36.4	5
Niagara County	40,550.4	12,585.0	15,996.9	11,968.5	31.0	18	39.4	15	29.5	12
North Country	11,670.6	3,872.3	4,435.1	3,363.2	33.2	10	38.0	19	28.8	16
Onondaga	58,164.6	20,186.1	27,724.8	10,253.7	34.7	6	47.7	1	17.6	29
Orange County	48,233.6	12,034.5	17,812.1	18,387.0	25.0	28	36.9	24	38.1	4
Rockland	55,269.4	15,195.9	20,425.4	19,648.1	27.5	25	37.0	23	35.5	6
Schenectady County	21,800.2	7,788.3	9,493.1	4,518.9	35.7	5	43.5	3	20.7	27
Suffolk County	157,163.7	47,686.3	67,751.2	41,726.2	30.3	22	43.1	4	26.5	23
Sullivan County	13,811.8	3,438.2	4,616.9	5,756.7	24.9	29	33.4	28	41.7	3
Tompkins-Cortland	31,569.0	9,461.2	13,421.7	8,686.2	30.0	23	42.5	6	27.5	20
Ulster County	20,565.8	5,904.1	7,555.9	7,105.9	28.7	24	36.7	26	34.6	7
Westchester	97,375.1	33,015.8	35,787.6	28,571.7	33.9	8	36.8	25	29.3	15

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