

To: Charter School Leaders
From: New York City Charter School Center
Date: April 2019
Re: Legislative Changes in the 2019-20 New York State Budget Affecting Charter Schools

New York State's 2019-20 budget includes the following items affecting charter schools in New York City:

I. Increase in Per Pupil Funding

In addition to the statutory per-pupil funding*, the Governor and Legislature provided, as they have done over the last four years, a one-time supplemental appropriation for New York City charter school students; this year's \$24.9 million appropriation will translate to approximately \$193 per NYC charter student. Again, this amount is not included in the base amount of the formula and will be available for distribution only after April 1, 2020. **With this additional \$193 in supplemental aid, we estimate that schools will receive approximately \$16,347 per student for the 2019-20 school year.** This represents a 3.7% increase in charter school funding from the 2018-19 funding amount of approximately \$15,768 per-pupil (which is inclusive of the supplement granted last year).

**Pursuant to statutory changes passed in 2017, per-pupil funding for charter schools continues to increase each year as spending for district schools increases. For the 2019-20 school year, it is estimated that charters will receive \$16,154 per-pupil. For a detailed explanation on how this amount is calculated see the [Charter Center's 2017 memo](#).*

II. Security in Schools

As of July 1, 2019 all district and charter schools will be required to define the roles and responsibilities of school security personnel in response to student misconduct. Specifically, schools that employ or contract with public or private security personnel (including law enforcement) must have a written contract or memorandum of understanding (MOU) that defines the roles and responsibilities of security personnel that is consistent with the school's code of conduct and defines the relationship between the school, school personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement and the security personnel. The contract must also clearly delegate the role of school discipline to the school administration. In preparing the contract or MOU, the school must consult with stakeholders such as parents, students, school administrators, teachers, collective bargaining units, parent and student organizations, and community members, as well as probation officers, prosecutors, defense counsel and courts that are familiar with school discipline. Schools will also be required to submit any contract or MOU with school personnel with their school's safety plan.