

State Foundation Aid Funding Plan

Liberty Central School District

The 2021-2022 enacted state budget includes language stating that, for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, each school district receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 a school year must post a plan of how the funds will be used to address student performance and need, including but not limited to:

- Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap;
- Reducing class size;
- Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or who are at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas;
- Addressing student social-emotional health;
- Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness; and
- Preserve district programs.

For the 2022-23 school year, the Liberty Central School District will receive a foundation aid increase of 23%.

The budget funds all current programs and services for students and includes additional positions to manage class sizes, meet student needs and expand learning opportunities. This includes additional middle and high school teaching staff, extra support for English as a New Language services, social-emotional student support, and additional extracurricular stipends to expand student opportunities and activities.

The district is focused on updating curriculum, expanding technology access and providing global and local real-world experiences such as the collaboration with a partner school in Zimbabwe and the school-based business incubator.

“With this budget, our goal is to provide students with stability and opportunities to grow and explore in the classroom and beyond,” said Superintendent Dr. Patrick Sullivan. “We are focused on a strong curriculum and the extracurricular activities.”

Throughout the budget development process for the 2022-2023 school year, information about how these additional funds will be used was shared at Board of Education meetings.

Thank you to community members who shared feedback and input regarding these ideas. If you have any questions about our District’s foundation aid increase, please call or email the following individuals:

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