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**school  
funding**  
in this year's  
state budget



“I helped pass a state budget that invests in education so our children can thrive.”

– Assemblymember  
Rodneyse Bichotte



“We owe it to our children to provide them with **a great education from pre-K to graduation day**. Because the skills we teach them today will help them reach their full potential tomorrow.”

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secured a **\$1.4 billion** increase in education aid

The 2016-17 state budget marks the largest investment in New York’s education system, a total of **\$24.7 billion**, including:

- ✓ **\$627 million increase in Foundation Aid** to ensure schools and teachers have the resources they need to provide all students with a quality education
- ✓ **\$20 million to implement My Brother’s Keeper**, a federal initiative to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color
- ✓ **\$807 million for pre-K programs** to continue to foster early childhood development
- ✓ **\$14.3 million for Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers**
- ✓ **\$175 million to convert schools into community schools** that will benefit at-risk youth and their families
- ✓ **\$1 million for Career and Technical Education programs** to reduce barriers faced by English language learners and students with disabilities, as well as promote gender diversity

