

Community College Base Aid Cut by \$65 per FTE **— Average State Share for Community Colleges Drops to 29% —**

In January 2004, Governor Pataki proposed cutting Base Aid for community colleges from \$2,300 to \$2,185 per full-time equivalent (FTE), a reduction of \$115 per FTE. In the budget that the Legislature adopted in August 2004, the Legislature restored the \$115 per FTE cut in Base Aid and added an additional \$50 per FTE. Unfortunately, Governor Pataki vetoed the \$115 per FTE restoration made by the Legislature. However, the additional \$50 per FTE was enacted, resulting in a net \$65 per FTE reduction in Base Aid from \$2,300 to \$2,235.

Based on past history and the promise from members of the State Legislature, nearly all of the community colleges built their budgets assuming that base aid would be restored to at least the previous year's funding level of \$2,300 per FTE. With the lateness of the state budget and the Governor's vetoes taking place just days before the start of the September 1 fiscal year, community colleges were forced to make last minute cuts to their budget or manage the reduction in Base Aid through the use of fund balances.

According to the *2004-05 Budget Overview* from SUNY, "The majority of community college campuses are managing this reduction through the use of fund balances. However, if 2005-06 remains at this reduced level, it is likely that campuses will have to implement permanent spending reductions and/or further tuition increases."

STATE SHARE OF NET OPERATING COST DROPS TO 29% —

Although community colleges are suppose to receive 40% of their net operating costs from state aid, 33.3% from student tuition revenue, and 26.7% from the local sponsor, the average state aid share for 2004-05 is just 29%, with individual campuses ranging from 17.1% to 36.8%. The average share of net operating costs from student tuition is 39.1%, with individual campuses ranging from 27.3% to 47.5%. The average share of net operating costs from the local sponsor is 32.0%, with individual campuses ranging from 19.5% to 55.6%. 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 2004-05.

<i>Community Colleges 2004-05 Budget Net Costs and Revenues (in thousands)</i>					<i>Community Colleges 2004-05 Budget Revenues as a Percent of Net Cost (with rankings)</i>							
	Net Operating Cost	State Operating Aid	Student Tuition Revenue	Local Share Revenue	Net Operating Cost	State Operating Aid	Student Tuition Revenue	Local Share Revenue				
						Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	
TOTAL	\$1,243,962.7	\$360,291.7	\$485,907.7	\$397,763.3	100%	29.0%		39.1%		32.0%		
Adirondack	\$ 18,011.5	\$ 5,576.5	\$ 8,324.3	\$ 4,110.6	100%	31.0%	12	46.2%	2	22.8%	26	
Broome	35,356.6	11,357.1	14,285.4	9,714.1	100	32.1	9	40.4	17	27.5	19	
Cayuga County	20,823.2	6,247.2	8,537.0	6,039.0	100	30.0	17	41.0	16	29.0	16	
Clinton	11,177.6	3,528.2	4,811.4	2,838.0	100	31.6	11	43.0	6	25.4	22	
Columbia-Greene	11,491.9	2,927.9	3,633.9	4,930.2	100	25.5	28	31.6	28	42.9	3	
Corning	25,110.0	7,286.4	10,544.2	7,279.4	100	29.0	20	42.0	11	29.0	17	
Dutchess	38,969.0	12,699.5	14,319.2	11,950.3	100	32.6	7	36.7	24	30.7	10	
Erie	74,023.8	25,100.8	31,400.0	17,523.0	100	33.9	5	42.4	9	23.7	24	
Fashion Institute	115,643.2	19,755.5	31,623.6	64,264.1	100	17.1	30	27.3	30	55.6	1	
Finger Lakes	25,564.5	7,807.0	9,453.0	8,304.5	100	30.5	16	37.0	23	32.5	8	
Fulton-Montgomery	12,662.8	3,874.1	4,971.4	3,817.3	100	30.6	14	39.3	20	30.1	12	
Genesee	24,042.0	8,801.3	10,547.0	4,693.7	100	36.6	2	43.9	4	19.5	30	
Herkimer County	18,113.7	6,194.1	7,724.1	4,195.5	100	34.2	4	42.6	7	23.2	25	
Hudson Valley	57,784.7	19,434.3	23,709.4	14,641.1	100	33.6	6	41.0	15	25.3	23	
Jamestown	22,824.0	7,041.2	9,409.4	6,373.4	100	30.9	13	41.2	14	27.9	18	
Jefferson	17,166.2	5,502.3	7,224.6	4,439.2	100	32.1	10	42.1	10	25.9	21	
Mohawk Valley	33,588.9	10,263.8	13,351.8	9,973.4	100	30.6	15	39.8	19	29.7	14	
Monroe	89,041.5	31,078.0	38,969.0	18,994.5	100	34.9	3	43.8	5	21.3	27	
Nassau	153,481.8	40,179.4	56,985.8	56,316.7	100	26.2	26	37.1	22	36.7	7	
Niagara County	32,532.2	9,590.9	13,078.7	9,862.6	100	29.5	18	40.2	18	30.3	11	
North Country	8,408.1	2,450.5	3,477.6	2,480.1	100	29.1	19	41.4	13	29.5	15	
Onondaga	45,817.3	14,787.7	21,740.4	9,289.3	100	32.3	8	47.5	1	20.3	29	
Orange County	36,830.1	9,678.4	12,426.7	14,724.9	100	26.3	25	33.7	27	40.0	4	
Rockland	43,021.0	11,109.2	14,842.1	17,069.7	100	25.8	27	34.5	26	39.7	5	
Schenectady County	17,607.4	6,475.1	7,485.6	3,646.8	100	36.8	1	42.5	8	20.7	28	
Suffolk County	127,972.5	36,010.6	53,720.0	38,241.8	100	28.1	22	42.0	12	29.9	13	
Sullivan County	12,776.8	3,136.9	3,915.6	5,724.2	100	24.6	29	30.6	29	44.8	2	
Tompkins-Cortland	23,151.7	6,510.0	10,561.4	6,080.4	100	28.1	23	45.6	3	26.3	20	
Ulster County	17,083.5	4,664.7	5,992.3	6,426.5	100	27.3	24	35.1	25	37.6	6	
Westchester	73,885.2	21,223.3	28,842.8	23,819.1	100	28.7	21	39.0	21	32.2	9	