

New York State Educational Conference Board



Educational Conference Board Supports S.6551-C (Jacobs)/A.7966-C (Peoples-Stokes)

The New York State Educational Conference Board (ECB) – comprised of six leading education organizations representing parents, classroom teachers, school-related professionals, building administrators, superintendents and school boards – strongly supports A.7966-C (Peoples-Stokes)/S.6551-C (Jacobs) which would expedite school district reimbursement for supplemental charter school tuition payments.

Currently, school districts advance supplemental payments to charter schools and receive State reimbursement for these payments in the following year. This places an onerous fiscal burden on school districts already struggling to make necessary investments to improve student achievement. This legislation would eliminate the one-year lag in reimbursement thereby enabling school districts outside of New York City to direct additional resources to classrooms. It is important to note that this change in the timing of payments would have no fiscal impact on the State, as payments would still be made within the same State fiscal year.

School districts are faced with limited resources and significant challenges. They should not be mandated to advance payments on behalf of the State and to wait a full school year for reimbursement. The existing payment schedule is a burden for school districts with scarce resources, compromises delivery of programs and negatively impacts pupils. For these reasons, the Educational Conference Board urges your support and approval of A.7966-C (Peoples-Stokes)/S.6551-C (Jacobs).

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