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**Senator Shelley Mayer, Chair of the Senate Education Committee**, said, "Our One-House Budget Resolution puts forth a transformational increase in education funding, including a three-year phase-in of full Foundation Aid owed to school districts, ensuring all school districts receive no less than 60% of their statutory Foundation Aid next year; \$3.5 billion more School Aid than the Executive proposal, supplementing rather than supplanting the federal relief aid; and \$500 million to fully-fund four-year-old full-day prekindergarten statewide; among

other critical investments. Our proposal underscores our commitment to education equity for all students across the state, particularly for those most impacted by the pandemic, including students with disabilities and those disconnected from their classrooms due to the digital divide. The coronavirus pandemic exacerbated disparities in healthcare, housing, social safety net benefits, and education access—devastating our families, children, and communities. This One-House proposal begins to address those inequities, so we can begin to heal from the scourge of the pandemic and help our neighborhoods, small businesses, and schools build back stronger.”

**[Click here](#) to read more about the Senate One-House Budget Resolution adopted on Monday, March 15th.**