



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michelle Hinchey

Hinchey Locks in Funding to Create New Pre-K Seats, Delivers Unprecedented Investment in SD-41 Schools

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KINGSTON, NY – Senator Michelle Hinchey touted historic levels of school funding secured in this year’s final state budget that will create 803 new pre-kindergarten seats and maintain 2,708 total throughout her Senate District, combined with an 11.9% increase in Foundation Aid for SD-41 schools in Columbia and Greene counties and parts of Ulster and Northern Dutchess.

“Providing a good public education to every New York student is a core function of state government, and I’m proud to have delivered on that promise for our SD-41 schools by securing record investments to expand full-day four-year-old pre-K and a pivotal increase in Foundation Aid,” **said Senator Michelle Hinchey.** “This is a huge win for our students, teachers, and taxpayers — it means more money for Hudson Valley classrooms, which helps our kids build the foundational skills they need to succeed throughout their lives while helping districts keep a lid on local school property taxes. Every student in New York deserves a good public education, like the one I had in the Ulster County public school system, and I’ll always stand with parents and teachers in championing transformative investments in our public schools.”

The \$419.47 million total Foundation Aid investment for SD-41 schools, an additional \$44.6 million above last year, marks the final year of a three-year phase-in promised by Hinchey and her Senate Majority colleagues in 2021, which ensured that every K-12 school district received a minimum year-to-year increase of 3 percent. Due to Hinchey’s advocacy, SD-41 schools will also see a funding increase of \$6.9 million in pre-K funding for a total of \$17.45 million.

A breakdown of pre-K funding by district is included here:

Columbia County

School District	2023-24 UPK Funding	UPK Seats
Chatham	\$226,800	22 NEW UPK Seats

Germantown	\$380,000	31 UPK Seats Maintained
Hudson	\$538,441	20 NEW UPK Seats
Kinderhook	\$541,192	41 NEW UPK Seats
New Lebanon	\$108,000	18 UPK Seats Maintained
Northeast	\$185,002	20 NEW UPK Seats
Pine Plains	\$253,800	27 NEW UPK Seats
Red Hook	\$351,000	22 NEW UPK Seats
Copake-Taconic	\$302,400	86 UPK Seats Maintained

Dutchess County

School District	2023-24 UPK Funding	UPK Seats
Arlington	\$2,668,180	195 NEW UPK Seats

Dover	\$529,145	20 NEW UPK Seats
Hyde Park	\$1,619,489	23 NEW UPK Seats
Millbrook	\$280,800	26 NEW UPK Seats
Northeast	\$185,002	20 NEW UPK Seats
Pawling	\$345,600	20 NEW UPK Seats
Pine Plains	\$253,800	27 NEW UPK Seats
Red Hook	\$351,000	22 NEW UPK Seats
Rhinebeck	\$318,600	26 NEW UPK Seats
Copake-Taconic	\$302,400	86 UPK Seats Maintained

Greene County

School District	2023-24 UPK Funding	UPK Seats
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Cairo-Durham	\$257,344	43 UPK Seats Maintained
Catskill	\$466,349	20 NEW UPK Seats
Coxsackie-Athens	\$589,248	50 UPK Seats Maintained
Gilboa-Conesville	\$22,500	15 UPK Seats Maintained
Greenville	\$282,218	45 UPK Seats Maintained
Hunter-Tannersville	\$45,900	21 UPK Seats Maintained
Margaretville	\$48,000	9 UPK Seats Maintained
Onteora	\$258,032	44 UPK Seats Maintained
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	\$388,657	93 UPK Seats Maintained

Windham-Ashland-Jewett	\$108,000	8 UPK Seats Maintained
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Ulster County

School District	2023-24 UPK Funding	UPK Seats
Highland	\$534,151	47 NEW UPK Seats
Kingston	\$2,322,738	76 NEW UPK Seats
Margaretville	\$48,000	9 UPK Seats Maintained
Marlboro	\$617,441	47 NEW UPK Seats
New Paltz	\$469,800	23 NEW UPK Seats
Onteora	\$258,032	44 UPK Seats Maintained
Rondout Valley	\$960,296	60 NEW UPK Seats
Saugerties	\$762,339	50 NEW UPK Seats

Wallkill	\$843,182	38 NEW UPK Seats
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A breakdown of Foundation Aid totals by school district is included here:

Columbia County

School District	2023-24 Foundation Aid	Year-Over-Year Increase
Chatham	\$5,327,012	\$155,155 (3.00%)
Germantown	\$4,027,375	\$117,302 (3.00%)
Hudson	\$17,864,260	\$520,318 (3.00%)
Kinderhook	\$12,188,708	\$726,902 (6.34%)
New Lebanon	\$2,591,363	\$75,476 (3.00%)
Northeast	\$4,436,988	\$129,232 (3.00%)

Pine Plains	\$6,393,733	\$186,225 (3.00%)
Red Hook	\$11,245,791	\$327,547 (3.00%)
Copake-Taconic	\$8,216,616	\$239,318 (3.00%)

Dutchess County

School District	2023-24 Foundation Aid	Year-Over-Year Increase
Arlington	\$59,249,982	\$11,469,523 (24.00%)
Dover	\$16,212,153	\$4,190,663 (34.86%)
Hyde Park	\$28,289,651	\$5,010,838 (21.53%)
Millbrook	\$2,894,654	\$263,486 (10.1%)
Northeast	\$4,436,988	\$129,232 (3.00%)
Pawling	\$6,158,710	\$1,249,936 (3.00%)
Pine Plains	\$6,393,733	\$186,225 (3.00%)

Red Hook	\$11,245,791	\$327,547 (3.00%)
Rhinebeck	\$2,196,485	\$63,975 (3.00%)
Copake-Taconic	\$8,216,616	\$239,318 (3.00%)

Greene County

School District	2023-24 Foundation Aid	Year-Over-Year Increase
Cairo-Durham	\$11,693,779	\$340,595 (3.00%)
Catskill	\$11,851,079	\$345,177 (3.00%)
Coxsackie-Athens	\$7,895,841	\$430,290 (5.76%)
Gilboa-Conesville	\$2,707,703	\$78,865 (3.00%)
Greenville	\$9,442,678	\$560,330 (6.31%)
Hunter-Tannersville	\$1,822,673	\$53,087 (3.00%)
Margaretville	\$2,630,741	\$76,623 (3.00%)

Onteora	\$7,817,819	\$227,703 (3.00%)
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	\$13,525,786	\$1,166,825 (9.44%)
Windham-Ashland-Jewett	\$1,172,887	\$34,161 (3.00%)

Ulster County

School District	2023-24 Foundation Aid	Year-Over-Year Increase
Highland	\$12,684,181	\$2,009,700 (18.83%)
Kingston	\$64,391,542	\$6,979,222 (12.16%)
Margaretville	\$2,630,741	\$76,623 (3.00%)
Marlboro	\$17,020,026	\$4,454,839 (35.45%)
New Paltz	\$11,120,854	\$461,818 (4.33%)
Onteora	\$7,817,819	\$227,703 (3.00%)

Rondout Valley	\$17,619,672	\$513,194 (3.00%)
Saugerties	\$17,496,772	\$940,967 (5.68%)
Wallkill	\$24,973,080	\$2,398,816 (10.63%)

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