



Initial Asks/Priorities

- **Moratorium on Charter Schools:** The current obligation to charter schools in Rochester is approximately \$105M to support 6749 students in 14 charter schools. Four additional charter schools will be opening in the 2022-23 school year. The continued expansion is not sustainable under the current funding model. The State should take action to require local approval of charter school growth in saturated school districts such as Rochester. Greater accountability for SUNY approval.
- **Addressing Teacher and Nurse Shortages.**
- **UPK Funding.** Fund to the actual costs of the program.
- **Transportation Aid** to include the reimbursement of vendor stand-by costs in an effort to ensure proper service levels.
- **Targeting Funds for Mental Health and School Climate:** The District's School Health Services funding has not kept pace with the requirements to meet critical student health and medical needs. Social and emotional supports needed by the students has been further impacted by this prolonged pandemic and, as such, requires additional funding. Additionally we are asking for school health services reimbursement.
- **Expanding Career and Technical Education** funding through Special Services Aid to increase the \$3,900 per pupil formula-based cap and aligned with current programs to provide funding scholars.
- **Equitable Funding for English Language Learners** (e.g. higher weighting of ELL students).
- **Unfunded Mandates** (Transparency Report, MWBE requirements, etc.).
- **Exemption for the Maintenance of Equity** requirements under ARP.
- **Extending the Waiver of the \$35,000 Retiree Earning Cap** due to severe staffing shortages.