

J. NEW YORK STATE BOOK and COMPUTER AID

TEXTBOOKS

Under the New York State Textbook Law (NYSTL), the State provides aid for textbooks at the lesser of:

- < A per capita amount based on the prior year's enrollment multiplied by the State's per pupil rate, or
- < The prior year's expenditure.

FY04 expenditures are expected to be high enough to optimize the State formula, i.e., receive aid via the State per capita method. In lieu of an Adopted State Budget, the prior year per capita rate of \$57.30 will be assumed.

A portion of NYSTL aid will be used to offset Children First (CF) curriculum costs. This expense will not be known until the end of the summer. Consequently, school allocations will be provided in two steps.

1. A preliminary allocation will be provided to all schools based on 50% of their *projected* October 31, 2004 student enrollment and the State per capita rate.
2. The remaining 50% will be allocated to each school minus Children First curriculum expenditures for that school. Schools will be held harmless for CF expenditures in *excess* of their NYSTL balance. The adjustment should occur at the end of the summer.

LIBRARY BOOKS and COMPUTER SOFTWARE

The State provides aid for library books and computer software at the lesser of:

- < A per capita amount based on the prior year's enrollment multiplied by the State's per pupil rate, or
- < The prior year's expenditure.

FY04 expenditures are expected to be high enough to optimize the State formula for both aids, i.e., receive aid via the per capita method.

Public school library book and computer software funds are distributed among the schools based on *audited* October 31, 2003 pupil enrollments (adjusted to exclude long term absentees). Since that register is known and unchanging, allocations presented are final. (New small schools opening in FY05 will have allotments based on projected enrollments. New program conversion schools will have the October 31, 2003 enrollment divided between the "parent" school and the "new" school.)

As part of the Vendor Commodity Analysis (VCA) Project, certain Microsoft and Norton Software programs will be purchased centrally and be available to all schools, all computers, at no cost. State Software revenue are set-aside to cover the cost of contracts. The greater buying power of the VCA results in increased *resources* to schools, despite fewer dollars allocated directly to schools.

COMPUTER HARDWARE

Computer Hardware Aid is distributed on the basis of audited net October 31, 2003 registers and the aid available. (New small schools opening in FY05 will have allotments based on projected enrollments. New program conversion schools will have the October 31, 2003 enrollment divided between the “parent” school and the “new” school.) Computer Hardware allotments presented in this section are final and no Midyear adjustment is necessary.