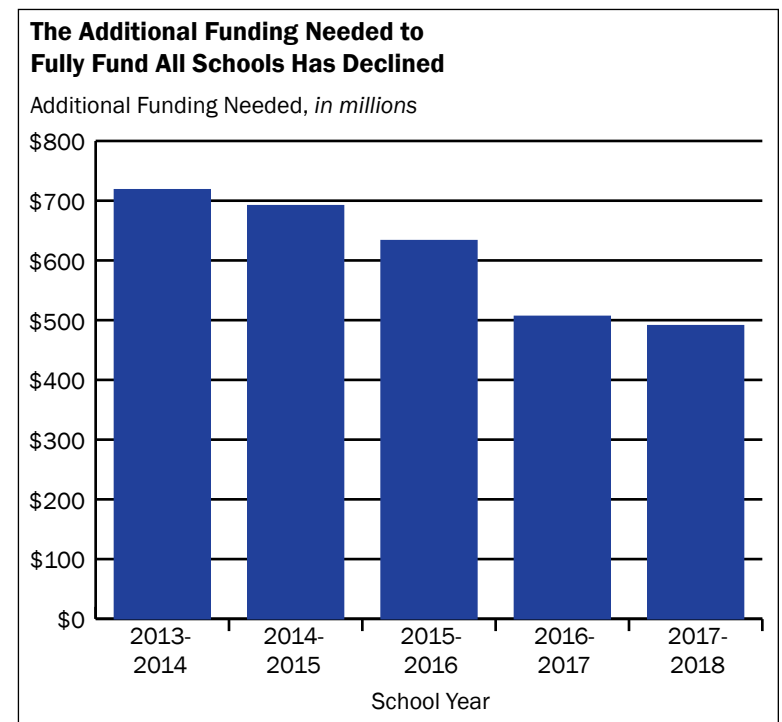


How Much More Would It Have Cost to Fully Fund Fair Student Funding for the City's Schools Last Year?

In April, Mayor de Blasio and City Council Speaker Johnson [announced](#) an additional \$125 million annually to come closer to fully funding Fair Student Funding, the largest source of discretionary dollars for the city's schools. When Fair Student Funding was introduced in school year 2007-2008, the Bloomberg Administration acknowledged it did not initially provide enough money to give all schools the aid they qualified for under the new student funding formula (see IBO's [Is It Getting Fairer?](#) for more details). The resolution of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity court case was supposed to fill the gap, but Albany has repeatedly failed to deliver on the funds promised in the settlement. Fair Student Funding aims to link dollars to the needs of each student at a school.

The new city funds announced in April bring the Fair Student Funding total allocated to school budgets up to \$6.2 billion for the current school year, an increase of 3.4 percent. Every school will have at least 90 percent of the amount they are entitled to under the student funding formula, compared with at least 87 percent last year. IBO has looked at each school's budget and calculated how much additional funding would have been needed to bring all schools to their full formula amounts last school year.

- The dollars needed to fully fund Fair Student Funding has been declining in the last few years. It would have taken an additional \$719 million in school year 2013-2014. Last school year, the shortfall was \$491 million, leaving 1,199 (78 percent) out of the 1,533 schools that received Fair Student Funding with smaller allocations than they qualified for under the funding formula.
- While 921 schools needed \$500,000 or less in 2017-2018 to bring them up to 100 percent of their full share of Fair Student Funding, 278 schools needed more than \$500,000.
- Sixty-three schools had shortfalls of \$1 million or more from their full formula-derived share of Fair Student Funding. Although these schools accounted for just 5 percent of those that were not fully funded, they had a collective shortfall of \$102 million, or more than a fifth of the systemwide gap in full funding.
- Three-quarters of these 63 schools were in Queens and Brooklyn.



Twenty Schools With Largest Fair Student Funding Shortfalls, School Year 2017-2018					
School Name	Borough	Actual Fair Student Funding Allocation	Allocation Needed to Reach Full Fair Student Funding	Fair Student Funding Shortfall	Share of Full Fair Student Funding
Brooklyn Technical High School	Brooklyn	\$31,126,868	\$34,720,368	\$3,593,500	88%
Fort Hamilton High School	Brooklyn	\$25,484,701	\$28,719,465	\$3,234,764	87%
Edward R. Murrow High School	Brooklyn	\$21,261,507	\$23,963,126	\$2,701,619	87%
Tottenville High School	Staten Island	\$20,999,855	\$23,695,523	\$2,695,668	87%
John Bowne High School	Queens	\$20,654,076	\$23,278,669	\$2,624,593	87%
New Utrecht High School	Brooklyn	\$20,882,067	\$23,462,659	\$2,580,592	88%
Francis Lewis High School	Queens	\$24,594,544	\$27,152,554	\$2,558,010	89%
Forest Hills High School	Queens	\$20,614,500	\$23,164,625	\$2,550,125	87%
Susan E. Wagner High School	Staten Island	\$18,819,449	\$21,235,582	\$2,416,133	87%
Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School	Brooklyn	\$18,529,549	\$20,892,656	\$2,363,107	87%
Benjamin N. Cardozo High School	Queens	\$19,477,827	\$21,802,941	\$2,325,114	88%
Hillcrest High School	Queens	\$18,490,843	\$20,815,402	\$2,324,559	87%
Midwood High School	Brooklyn	\$21,004,211	\$23,294,511	\$2,290,300	89%
James Madison High School	Brooklyn	\$20,737,832	\$23,014,379	\$2,276,547	89%
Bayside High School	Queens	\$17,402,100	\$19,632,842	\$2,230,742	87%
New Dorp High School	Staten Island	\$17,921,575	\$20,068,723	\$2,147,148	88%
Curtis High School	Staten Island	\$15,680,994	\$17,628,984	\$1,947,990	87%
Bronx High School Of Science	Bronx	\$16,077,998	\$17,946,888	\$1,868,890	88%
I.S. 61 - Leonardo Da Vinci	Queens	\$15,502,870	\$17,369,964	\$1,867,094	88%
William Cullen Bryant High School	Queens	\$13,706,552	\$15,456,929	\$1,750,377	87%

- All but one of the schools with the biggest dollar gaps in their Fair Student Funding allocation were high schools.
- Just over half of these schools received the minimum share of Fair Student Funding they were entitled to, 87 percent.
- Two high schools in Brooklyn each had Fair Student Funding gaps of more than \$3 million: Brooklyn Technical High School and Fort Hamilton High School. Fourteen other schools had shortfalls of more than \$2 million each.

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SOURCE: IBO analysis of Department of Education data

NOTES: The share of Fair Student Funding received excludes the base foundation funding provided to all schools and funds allocated for collective bargaining. The \$125 million announced by the Mayor and Speaker includes funds for health, pensions, and other fringe benefits for school staff, which are typically not included in Fair Student Funding allocations and not reflected in individual school budgets.