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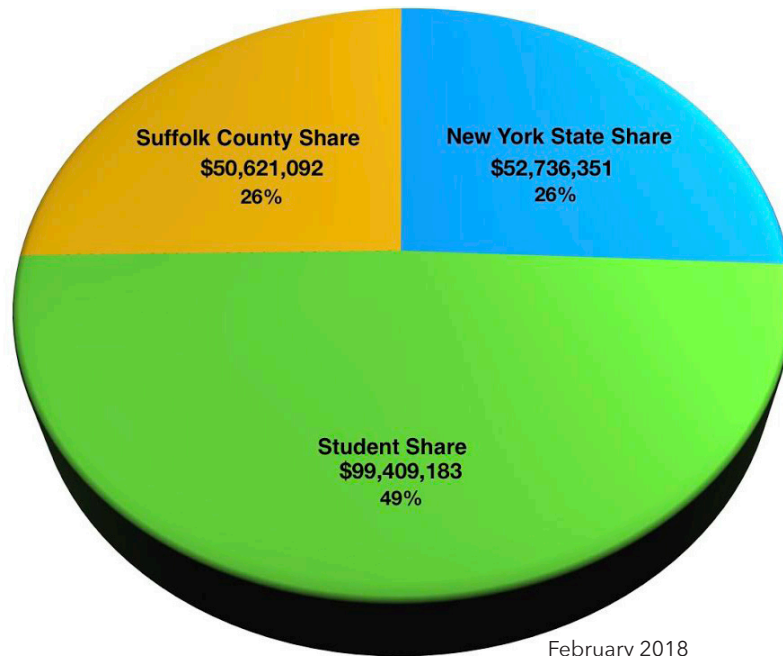
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SCCC Fact Sheet



Community colleges need the funding they deserve and were promised!

- Increase community college base aid by \$253 per FTE student (\$46 million – \$30M/SUNY and \$16M/CUNY).
- Increase funding to high-need programs.
- Exempt community colleges from the MTA tax like all other SUNY colleges. Collectively, community colleges would save \$1.7 million. Locally, SCCC could redirect the \$450,000 savings to student programs.
- Reject performance-based funding that ties community college funding to employer hiring decisions rather than to student academic achievement.
- Create a task force to reform the community college funding methodology with stakeholders from CUNY and SUNY, including governance groups and labor representatives, to provide a strong stable funding method of New York's community colleges.

Hours worked per week	SCCC 2013	NCES 2013	
		Community Colleges	All Colleges
<20	23%	12%	15%
20-34	26%	20%	18%
35+	20%	8%	7%
Total working	69%	41%	41%

Table 5. Comparison of the average number of hours worked by SCCC students with national averages at community colleges and four-year institutions.

New York State Education Law

Section 6304.

1. The master plan, standards and regulations prescribed by the state university trustees shall include provisions for financing the capital costs and operating costs of such colleges in the following manner:

a. **State financial aid shall be one-third of the amount of operating costs, as approved by the state university trustees.** Operating costs shall not include any payment of debt service or rentals or other payments by a local sponsor to the dormitory authority pursuant to any lease, sublease or other agreement entered into between the dormitory authority and a local sponsor. **Such aid for a college shall, however, be for two-fifths of operating costs for any fiscal year of the college during which it is implementing a program of full opportunity provided a plan has been approved by the state university trustees.** Such plan, which shall be submitted by the college only after approval by the board of trustees and the local sponsor or sponsors, shall

(i) establish a policy of offering acceptance in an appropriate program of the college to all applicants residing in the sponsorship area who graduated from high school within the prior year and to applicants who are high school graduates and who were released from active duty with the armed forces of the United States within the prior year;

(ii) provide for full implementation of such policy by the fall semester of nineteen hundred seventy or, if the college demonstrates to the state university trustees that full implementation by such time would not be feasible and in the best interests of the college, provide for a timetable to achieve such full implementation within five years which provides for substantial growth in registration each year;

(iii) make provision for and contain adequate assurances of the expenditure of funds by the sponsor or sponsors at a level pursuant to state university regulations, at least that necessary to implement the plan;

(iv) provide for adequate programs of remediation, instruction and counselling to meet the needs of all students to be served by the college. The trustees may require periodic reports or certifications from colleges which have submitted plans which have been approved and may, in appropriate cases, revoke such approval in case a college is in default of implementing its plan.