

# TALKING POINTS

## Advocacy Event 2022

**How might these points be specific to you as a BOCES employee or student?**

**Subject: Increase the Aidable Salary for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs**

- BOCES are a major provider of high quality, cost effective CTE programs in New York
- Completers of these programs become future employees for many sectors of our economy
- Component school districts currently receive reimbursement for only \$30,000 of a CTE instructor's salary. The average instructor salary statewide is \$67,000.
- A higher amount of reimbursement would assist more districts with providing students access to BOCES CTE programs.
- Will you support raising the aidable salary for CTE instructors?

**Subject: Continue the Phase-in of Foundation Aid**

- Foundation Aid, which supports school districts, makes up a sizable portion of their budget
- These funds help school districts to meet the basic needs of their students
- BOCES applauds the state for committing to fully funding Foundation Aid
- Adequate funding will assist our school districts to:
  - Provide High Quality Career & Technical Education and other programming
  - Support programs that promote equitable education opportunities for diverse communities. Programs such as:
    - digital equity and literacy
    - technical assistance and professional development for teachers of English language Learners
    - advocacy and academic support for students impacted by poverty and homelessness
  - Provide healthy and safe schools
  - Develop and implement school safety programs
  - Implement mandates related to data privacy and cyber security
- Will you support following through on the commitment to fully phase in Foundation Aid?

**Subject: Healthy and Safe Schools**

- Support and funding is needed to address school safety and student health issues:
  - the student mental health crisis
  - free universal school meal programs
  - the complexity of the impact of COVID-19 on public education
  - the development and implementation of school safety programs
- Will you support an approach to school safety and student health that address these issues?