

From: FOIL <FOIL@nysed.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 10:48 AM
To: elena@judgewatch.org

Subject: **RE: FOIL Request: FY2025-26 Aid to Localities Budget Bill S.3003D/A.3003D
-- Aid to Educational Television & Radio/State Education Law §236**

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for State Education Department (SED) records regarding FY2025-26 Budget Bill S.3003D/A.3003D. The reference number for this request is **FL-CE-26/173**. Please be advised that you will hear further from the Department by approximately **March 11, 2026** as to whether your request will be granted or denied in whole or in part.

SED charges the statutorily permitted fees under FOIL. These include \$.25 per page for photocopies or the actual cost of reproducing records requested under FOIL (Public Officers Law §87[1][b][iii]). Payment must be made to the NYS Education Department by check or money order. Do not send any payment until you are notified that your request is granted and informed of the charge for your request. If your request is granted, the records will be provided to you in the manner requested (i.e. hardcopy or electronic), or if not specified, in a reasonable manner selected by this office.

If your request is granted, and there is a fee, one of the following will happen:

1. If your request can be filled immediately, and the total photocopy or reproduction fee is under \$25.00, staff will forward the requested records to you with a statement what you owe. Or:
2. If the reproduction fee or photocopy fee for your request is \$25.00 or more, you will be advised of the page count (+100 pages) or other expenses and the fee(s) owed in advance of our providing the records. Upon receipt of payment, staff will photocopy or otherwise reproduce the requested records and transmit, as appropriate. Or:
3. If it will take time to locate and/or photocopy or otherwise reproduce the records you have requested, you will be given a date by which you will be provided with a page count and/or estimated cost to fulfil your request.

Please note, there is no provision in law or regulation requiring the waiver of a fee under FOIL.

Regards,
Records Access Officer

From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 10:34 AM
To: FOIL <FOIL@nysed.gov>
Subject: FOIL Request: FY2025-26 Aid to Localities Budget Bill S.3003D/A.3003D -- Aid to Educational Television & Radio/State Education Law §236

TO: New York State Education Department FOIL Records Officer

Last year's enacted [FY2025-26 Aid to Localities Budget Bill S.3003D/A.3003D](#) stated, as follows, at p. 266:

“Aid to educational television and radio. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the amount appropriated herein shall represent fulfillment of the state's obligation for this program (21848).....14,027,000

For services and expenses of public radio stations chartered pursuant to section 236 of the education law, provided that the funds appropriated herein shall be distributed evenly among such stations and shall be in addition to the annual state aid for public broadcasting received by each such station pursuant to such section 4,000,000”

Based thereon – and pursuant to FOIL ([Public Officers Law Article VI](#)) – this is to request records reflecting the dollar amounts distributed to each eligible “educational television and radio” station and to each eligible “public radio station[]” for FY2025-26.

Thank you.

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