

# Keep Albany's Promise



## THE PROMISE

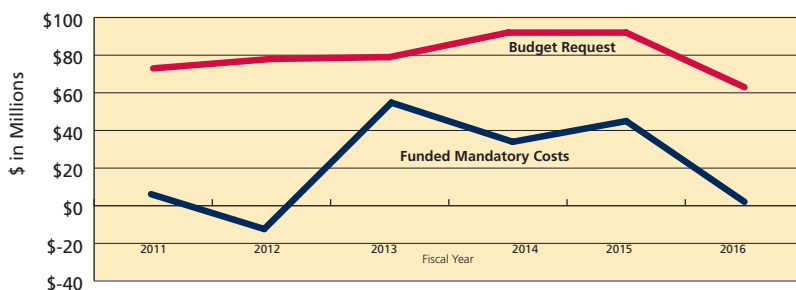
*"Coupled with the NYSUNY2020 commitment to provide a consistent level of State General Fund support, the rational tuition policy makes it possible for the public university systems to add faculty, reduce class size, expand program offerings, and improve academic performance."*

Governor Cuomo, 2015 Opportunity Agenda

**LAWMAKERS VOTED TO INCREASE** tuition \$1,500 with the understanding that the increases would go to enhance education, not to offset shortfalls in State funding. But the promise of SUNY2020 has not been kept. Tuition has been used to fund existing services instead of new investments.

By not providing General Fund support for all of CUNY's Mandatory Costs, Albany forces CUNY to use tuition revenue to fill the gap in State funding rather than to make desperately needed improvements for students.

**Mandatory Cost Increases: CUNY Senior Colleges**



CUNY's Mandatory Costs include supplies and equipment, rent, fringe benefits, energy costs, new building needs and contractual salary increases.

## CUNY Senior Colleges

Fiscal Year	Mandatory Costs	Funded Mandatory Costs	Tuition-Covered Shortfall
\$ in Millions			
2011	72.5	6.9	65.5
2012	78.2	-19.4	97.6
2013	78.8	57.6	21.1
2014	92.2	34.8	55.8
2015	92.4	42.9	49.5
2016	62.9	0	62.9

## The 2016 Executive Budget leaves CUNY with \$63 million in unfunded Mandatory Costs.

**WITHOUT A TRUE** maintenance of effort from the State, CUNY can't make the improvements promised by SUNY2020. Even with tuition hikes, shortfalls in public funding for Mandatory Costs mean CUNY cannot fix its dismal full-time faculty-to-student ratio, increase individual attention for students, improve the treatment of adjunct

faculty or provide enough mentors for students. The University will remain diminished in its ability to compete in the national academic labor market as long as Mandatory Costs remain unfunded, and CUNY's student counseling and support services will remain unable to fulfill all students' needs.

**Albany's disinvestment in CUNY continues with SUNY2020.  
FUND ALL OF CUNY'S MANDATORY COSTS IN FY 2016.**