



Higher Education Services Corporation

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

GUILLERMO LINARES, Ed.D
President

March 9, 2023

Hon. Helene E. Weinstein
Chair
Assembly Ways and Means Committee
New York State Assembly
LOB 923
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Liz Krueger
Chair
Senate Finance Committee
New York State Senate
172 State Street, Capitol Building
Room 416 CAP
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Chair Weinstein and Chair Krueger,

In follow up to the February 27th Joint Legislative Budget Hearings on Higher Education, below and attached, respectively, are my follow-up responses and materials, as requested during the hearing.

1. Chairwoman Stavisky asked if HESC would be able to absorb the cost of TAP awards for the roughly 50 students with intellectual disabilities who participate in nine federally approved Comprehensive Transition Postsecondary (CTP) programs. My staff had met with advocates in October to discuss this issue and felt that with the 2022-23 TAP changes for non-degree programs, students attending an approved CTP program at a community college should be currently eligible; however, those attending programs at a four-year public college, or a private college would not be eligible under the current law. Furthermore, given the limited number of approved programs and low enrollments, the additional TAP costs could be absorbed within existing allocations.

2. Assemblymember Ra asked for updated numbers on the Child Welfare Worker Scholarship (CWWS) and the Child Welfare Worker Loan Forgiveness (CWWLF) program for 2021-22, which are provided below:

<i>2021-22</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Recipients</i>
<i>CWWS</i>	N/A*	3
<i>CWWLF</i>	N/A*	5

*Note, the CWWS and CWWLF applications were not opened to new applicants in 2021-22 because prior year recipients continued to exhaust available funding.

3. Senator Krueger requested the names and addresses of the Yeshivas whose students are eligible to receive TAP funds. These have been provided as Attachment A to this letter.

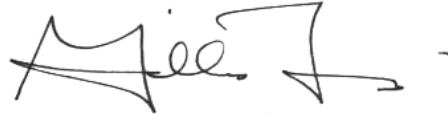
Please also be aware that these special schools (not all of which are Yeshivas), are approved by HESC, but must meet the same criteria as schools approved by the New York State Education Department; as HESC's [regulations](#) are modeled after those of the State Education Department Commissioner's. These regulatory requirements mandate that the institution:

- a. be exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- b. have its headquarters and main campus located within the State;
- c. be eligible for funds under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
- d. be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (Note: the primary accreditor in the U.S. is the one utilized primary by our special schools – the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS));
- e. certify that its students are eligible to receive Federal Pell grants in accordance with section 1,070 of title 20 of the United States code, et. seq. and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
- f. provide a postsecondary program of instruction in an approved program lasting at least three years, in which the student is enrolled; and
- g. enter into a participation agreement with HESC.

4. Lastly, Assemblymember Epstein questioned what happens to applicants who do not get Excelsior awards. HESC historically has not tracked students who do not receive awards, as our primary charge is to administer financial aid to eligible students. While it is possible to utilize our data and purchase this information, this activity would fall outside of our privacy provisions shared with applicants when they apply for awards (which limits us to utilizing information for purposes of determining eligibility for the award). Please be aware that while students who are determined to be both eligible and ineligible for NYS financial aid awards opt to enroll in an out-of-state college, it is typically at a greater overall cost to the student and their family, given they are charged non-resident tuition by the out-of-state college.

I would be happy to discuss any of these matters with the Committee members should they have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guillermo Linares". The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Guillermo Linares
President

Attachment

APPENDIX A

ALLIANCE UNIVERSITY 2 WASHINGTON STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	MACHZIKEI HADATH RABBINICAL COLL 5407 16TH AVE BROOKLYN NY 11204
ASSOCIATED BETH RIVKAH SCHOOL 310 CROWN STREET BROOKLYN NY 11225	MECHON LHOYROA 168 MAPLE AVENUE MONSEY NY 10952
BAIS BINYOMIN ACADEMY 51 CARLTON ROAD MONSEY NY 10952	MESIVTA EASTRN PKWY RABBINICAL CL 510 DAHILL ROAD BROOKLYN NY 11218
BAIS MEDRASH OF DEXTER PARK 445 SOUTH PASCACK RD CHESTNUT RIDGE NY 10977	MESIVTA TORAH VODAATH RABBINICAL 425 E 9 ST BROOKLYN NY 11218
BAIS MEDROSH ELYON 73 MAIN ST MONSEY NY 10952	MIRRER YESHIVA CENTRAL INSTITUTE 1791 OCEAN PARKWAY BROOKLYN NY 11223
BE'ER YAAKOV TALMUDIC SEMINARY 12 TRUMAN AVENUE SPRING VALLEY NY 10977	OHR HAMEIR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FURNACE WOODS ROAD PEEKSKILL NY 10566
BEIS MEDRASH HEICHAL DOVID 211 BEACH 17TH ST FAR ROCKAWAY NY 11691	RABBINCL ACAD MESIVTA RABBI CHAIM 1593 CONEY ISLAND AVE BROOKLYN NY 11230
BET MEDRASH GADOL ATERET TORAH 1750 E 4TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11223	RABBINICAL CLG BOBOVER YESH BNEI 1577 - 48TH ST BROOKLYN NY 11219
BETH HAMEDRASH SHAAREI YOSHER 4102 16 AVE BROOKLYN NY 11204	RABBINICAL COLL OHR YISROEL 8800 SEAVIEW AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11236
BETH HATALMUD RABBINICAL COLLEGE 2127 82ND ST BROOKLYN NY 11214	RABBINICAL COLLEGE BETH SHRAGA 28 SADDLE RIVER RD MONSEY NY 10952
BETH MEDRASH MEOR YITZCHOK 65 DYKSTRAS WAY E MONSEY NY 10952	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF LONG ISLAND 205 WEST BEECH ST LONG BEACH NY 11561
CENTRAL YESHIVA BETH JOSEPH 1502 AVENUE N BROOKLYN NY 11230	RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF OHR SHIMON 215-217 HEWES ST BROOKLYN NY 11211
CONGREGATION TALMIDEI MESIVTA TIF 1535 63RD STREET BROOKLYN NY 11219	SHOR YOSHUV RABBINICAL COLLEGE 1 CEDARLAWN AVE LAWRENCE NY 11559
CTL YESH TOMCHEI TMIMIM LUBAVITZ 885 EASTERN PARKWAY BROOKLYN NY 11213	TALMUDICAL INST OF UPSTATE NY 769 PARK AVE ROCHESTER NY 14607
KEHILATH YAKOV RABBINCAL SEMINARY 340 ILLINGTON ROAD OSSINING NY 10562	TALMUDICAL SEMINARY OF BOBOV 5120 NEW UTRECHT AVE BROOKLYN NY 11219

APPENDIX A

TALMUDICAL SEMINARY OHOLEI TORAH 667 EASTERN PARKWAY BROOKLYN NY 11213	YESHIVA OF MACHZIKAI HADAS 1321 43RD ST BROOKLYN NY 11219
TORAH TEMIMAH TALMUDICAL SEMINARY 507 OCEAN PKWY BROOKLYN NY 11218	YESHIVA OF NITRA RABBINICAL COLLEGE 194 DIVISION AVE BROOKLYN NY 11211
UNITED TALMUDICAL SEMINARY 191 RODNEY ST BROOKLYN NY 11211	YESHIVA OF THE TELSHE ALUMNI 4904 INDEPENDENCE AVE RIVERDALE NY 10471
UTA MESIVTA OF KIRYAS JOEL 48 BAKERTOWN RD ST 501 MONROE NY 10950	YESHIVA OHR NAFTOLI 701 BLOOMING GROVE TP NEW WINDSOR NY 12553
YESHIVA & KOLLEL HARBOTZAS TORAH 1049 EAST 15TH ST BROOKLYN NY 11230	YESHIVA SHAAR EPHRAIM 178 MAPLE AVENUE MONSEY NY 10952
YESHIVA DERECH CHAIM 1573 39TH ST BROOKLYN NY 11218	YESHIVA SHAAREI TORAH OF ROCKLAND 91 WEST CARLTON ROAD SUFFERN NY 10901
YESHIVA D'MONSEY 2 ROMAN BLVD MONSEY NY 10952	YESHIVA SHOLOM SHACHNA 129 ELMWOOD AVE BROOKLYN NY 11230
YESHIVA GEDOLAH IMREI YOSEF DSPIN 1466 56 ST BROOKLYN NY 11219	YESHIVA YESODA HATORAH VETZ CHAIM 27 LEE AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11211
YESHIVA GEDOLAH KESSER TORAH 50 CEDAR LANE MONSEY NY 10952	YESHIVAS MAHARIT D'SATMAR 475 COUNTY ROUTE 105 MONROE NY 10950
YESHIVA HECHAL SHEMUEL 1532 EAST 10TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11230	YESHIVAS NOVOMINSK 1690 60TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11204
YESHIVA KARLIN STOLIN 1818 54TH ST BROOKLYN NY 11204	YESHIVAT MIKDASH MELECH 1326 OCEAN PARKWAY BROOKLYN NY 11230
YESHIVA KOLLEL TIFERETH ELIZER 1233 47TH STREET BROOKLYN NY 11219	YESHIVATH VIZNITZ 15 ELYON ROAD P.O. BOX 446 MONSEY NY 10952
YESHIVA OF FAR ROCKWAY DERECH AY 802 HICKSVILLE ROAD FAR ROCKAWAY NY 11691	YESHIVATH ZICHRON MOSHE ZICHRON MOSHE WAY FALLSBURG NY 12733