

CUNY due to lose out in Carey's \$16B budget

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ALBANY — Gov. Carey plans to propose a \$16-billion plus budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year that will call for much smaller increases in state aid to education than awarded last year. It may result, aides say, in major cuts in both the Board of Education and City University of New York (CUNY) budgets.

Although the executive budget will not be released until Monday, details of the spending plan began to emerge yesterday from aides to the governor.

They said the budget will be the highest in state history, but show an increase in spending from last year that is lower than the rate of inflation. According to the aides, it should reflect the following recom-

mendations:

¶ CUNY may be the biggest loser in the entire budget. "Enrollment at the City University has been going down constantly since 1975, yet there has not been a corresponding reduction in faculty," one Carey aide said. The aide predicted that as a result of changes to be proposed by the governor, CUNY will probably have to make substantial cuts in its budget starting next September. He would not predict how the College of Staten Island might be affected by the cuts.

¶ Aid to public schools increased by \$300 million in last year's budget, but Carey will ask that this year's hike be limited to about \$50 million. The city's Board of Education has requested more than a \$100 million increase just for the city, money it

says it needs to maintain current education programs.

¶ About 1,000 employees would be cut under Carey's budget proposal from state agencies, almost all of them through attrition. He will suggest that some agencies be given the same allocation as last year and therefore be forced to "eat" increased labor and energy costs. Allocations to the state Office of Mental Health and the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities would be increased in the budget proposal.

¶ Revenue sharing aid to localities would be frozen at 1979 levels, which would leave localities with about \$200 million less than they would receive under the state's rev-

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