

# Cuomo OKs funds for new CSI campus

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ALBANY — Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, as expected, signed into law a measure authorizing public borrowing for city university construction, including a new consolidated campus for the College of Staten Island (CSI).

State officials plan to place the college on grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center, scheduled to close next year.

College officials said after the measure received final legislative approval two weeks ago they plan to hire architects and engineers this summer for work on the Willowbrook campus.

They also await the filing of an environmental impact statement and public hearings.

Lawmakers already approved about \$20 million for its design.

The question of how much to fund through the borrowing legislation became a subject of compromise last month between the Democratic majority in the Assembly and the GOP lawmakers

who control the Senate.

They ultimately arrived at a borrowing ceiling of \$1.325 billion for several construction projects for the City University of New York (CUNY) in all five boroughs. Of that total, officials said \$220 million will go to the new CSI site.

The state Dormitory Authority will issue bonds to finance the cost.

Cuomo described the measure as part of his 1986 legislative program and said in a release yesterday that it amends state education law and public authorities law "to create a new financing structure" for CUNY.

Cuomo, in his statement, noted that an entity called the City University Construction Fund "has completed and opened an aggregate of 8.4 million square feet of City University campus facility space" over 20 years.

"These facilities cost \$845 million and now comprise nearly 50 percent of the city university's total space," he said.