

a critical role in expanding AP opportunities to serve low-income students. In 2020, a total of 29 states and the District of Columbia recognized the importance of providing AP access to low-income students by providing the financial support they needed.

In prior years, funding has helped to narrow equity gaps in states that reduce exam fees for low-income students. We are unable to address this year's growth in AP participation, due in large part to the impact of covid-19, but we can confirm that state funding plays an important role in closing equity gaps. In states that provided funding, students received on average a \$39 per-exam state subsidy in 2020. Alongside the College Board \$32 fee reduction, the resulting fee charged to students was \$14 per exam.

In closing, the College Board respectfully requests that the Legislature continue your commitment and support of AP students across the state to fund end of course exam fees.

AP Exams will be given during three administration windows between May 3-June 11. The State Legislature and ODE's commitment communicates a strong assurance to students and has proven to increase AP participation rates.

Thank you,

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