



Public Comment Analysis

Date: March 17, 2014

Topic: Proposed Amendment to FY 2015-19 Five Year Capital Plan

Date of Panel Vote March 18, 2014

PROPOSED FY 2015 – 2019 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration

The Department of Education’s proposed Five Year Plan (the “February 2014 Plan”) of \$12.8 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2019 is up for public review and will be voted on by the Panel for Educational Policy on March 18, 2014 at M.S. 131 in Manhattan. The February 2014 Plan proposes a total funding of \$12.8 billion, which is allocated among three categories: \$4.4 billion for Capacity, \$4.9 billion for Capital Investment and \$3.5 billion for Mandated Programs. \$800 million of the total funding is contingent upon receipt of proceeds from the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act.

The February 2014 Plan features the following proposed investments:

\$4.4 billion for Capacity, which includes \$3.3 billion for new capacity, \$210 million for Pre-Kindergarten Initiative, \$490 million for Class Size Reduction, and \$400 million for a Facility Replacement Program. The \$3.3 billion for New Capacity will fund the design and construction of over 31,700 seats and the design of an additional over 800 seats, bringing the total new seats proposed for funding to 32,560. The Pre-Kindergarten Initiative will employ a robust and comprehensive approach to identify new opportunities to increase pre-kindergarten seat capacity by 2,100. The Class Size Reduction program is contingent upon receipt of proceeds from the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act towards technology initiatives, which then allows us to redirect City and State funds towards Class Size Reduction. The Facility Replacement category provides funding for replacing some facilities whose leases will expire during this Plan.

\$4.9 billion for Capital Investment, which provides \$3.3 billion for the Capital Improvement Program and \$1.6 billion for School Enhancement Projects. Under the School Enhancement Projects, \$310 million is allocated to enhance the utilization of our existing

facilities to support the expansion of pre-kindergarten classes. This funding is also contingent upon receipt of proceeds from the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act.

\$3.5 billion for Mandated Programs, which provides funding in order to meet requirements by local law, City agency mandates and other required elements such as remediation and building code compliance projects, insurance, and emergencies. This program includes \$480 million to fund the expedited program to remove lighting fixtures containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) by December 31, 2016. In addition, \$750 million is allocated to covert boilers at 125 buildings currently using Number 4 oil.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained

The proposed February 2014 Plan can be found on the Department of Education's website:

http://www.nycsca.org/Community/CapitalPlanManagementReportsData/CapPlan/02012014-15-19_CapitalPlan.pdf

III. Submission of public comment

Oral and written comments will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2014.

Written comments can be sent to capitalplan@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-6853.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item

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V. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

March 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

M.S. 131

100 Hester Street

New York, NY 10002

Summary of Public Comments Received on the Proposed Amendment

No comments were received.

Analysis of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Proposed

No comments were received.

Changes Made to the Proposal

No changes have been made to this proposal, as a no comments were received.

Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained

The proposed Fiscal Year 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital Plan can be found on the Department of Education’s website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/CapPlanMarch182014>