

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AGGREGATION OF THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS, AS MODIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE CHANCELLOR, TOGETHER WITH A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY BOARD AND THE CHANCELLOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2590-r of the New York State Education Law, the Panel for Educational Policy (the “Panel”), must approve an aggregation of the community school district budgets, as modified and approved by the chancellor, together with a proposed budget for the administrative expenditures of the city board and the chancellor (the “Aggregated Budget”); and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2011, the proposed Aggregated Budget was posted for public comment; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2011, the DOE posted an amended version of the Aggregated Budget which added in approximately \$1.4 million in CEC-based personnel costs, but did not significantly revise the proposed Aggregated Budget; and

WHEREAS on November 29, 2011, the DOE significantly revised the Aggregated Budget to reflect updated school-based budget information used by superintendents in their review of the alignment of each school’s school-based budget with its Comprehensive Education Plan, and to reflect more recent and more comprehensive information regarding how schools are allocating their budgets among major school-based expense categories; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel undertook a public review process for review and comment on the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget via the Department of Education’s internet website and circulation of the notice to all community superintendents, community district education councils, community boards, and school based management teams; and

WHEREAS, such notice further included: a) a description of the purpose and substance of the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget; b) information regarding where the full text of the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget could be obtained; (c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel would vote on the revised Aggregated Budget; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Aggregated Budget and revised Aggregated Budget; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced regarding the Aggregated Budget on July 29, 2011, more than forty-five days in advance of the December 14, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the revised Aggregated Budget came before the Panel for a vote, and regarding the revised Aggregated Budget on November 29, 2011, more than fifteen days in advance of the December 14, 2011 Panel meeting; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department of Education's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed revised Aggregated Budget; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of public comments included a summary and analysis of the issues raised and any significant suggested alternatives; a statement of the reasons why any significant alternatives were not incorporated into the revised Aggregated Budget; and information regarding where the full text of any approved revised Aggregated Budget may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel approve the revised Aggregated Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel to approve the proposed revised Aggregated Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-r, the Panel hereby approves the revised Aggregated Budget.