

FORMULAS USED TO ALLOCATE REVENUE AMONG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS

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

Pursuant to Education Law section 2590-r, the Chancellor must develop objective formulas for use in allocating revenue among community school districts and schools. The Department of Education (“DOE” or “the Department”) has developed formulas setting forth the baseline and special categorical weighted Fair Student Funding multipliers (the “FSF Formula Weights” or “formulas”) to allocate tax levy dollars to schools. The DOE uses these formulas, together with an estimate of the total sum of money available to the Department, to provide community school districts and schools with budget allocations for use in the school-based budgeting process set forth in Chancellor’s Regulation B-801.

The DOE is proposing to maintain the formula weights used in the 2015-2016 school year and to add new formula weights to the Fair Student Funding formula for English Language Learners (“ELLs”).

In order to implement the requirements of the recently amended New York State Commissioner’s Regulation Part 154, Services for Pupils with Limited English Proficiency (“Part 154”), DOE is proposing to:

- Establish new bilingual weights to support students in mandated bilingual programs.
- Establish new proficient/commanding weights for former ELLs mandated for 2 years of English as a New Language (“ENL”) services.
- Establish a new weight for Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE), in order to provide additional supports for these students. ELLs with SIFE status will receive their respective ELL weight, in addition to the new SIFE weight.

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

For more information, please see the proposed FSF Formula Weights, available at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/BudgetAllocationApril202016PEP>

III. Submission of public comment.

Comments can be delivered by e-mail to Budget@schools.nyc.gov, by phone to (212) 374-6754, or by mail to the address set forth below.

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 PEP meeting(s) at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

April 20, 2015
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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