



Date: August 13, 2010

Topic: Estimated Total Sum of Money Necessary for the Operations of the School District

Date of PEP Vote: August 16, 2010

Summary of Proposed Item

Pursuant to section 2590-g of the New York State Education Law, each year the Panel for Educational Policy (the “Panel”) must approve the estimated total sum of money necessary for the operations of the New York City school district in the following school year (the “Estimated Budget”). These operations support primary and secondary education for over one million school-age children through a network of elementary, junior high, intermediate, and high schools as well as special education schools. The Department of Education’s operations provide basic instructional services and offers students special education and instruction for English language learners and career and technical training. Support services include free and subsidized transportation, breakfast and lunch services, and the operation and maintenance of approximately 1,500 schools.

For fiscal year 2011, the estimated operating budget (not including education-related pension and debt service costs, which are budgeted for by different city agencies) for the Department of Education is \$18,447 million, a decrease of \$10 million over the current forecast for fiscal year 2010 of \$18,457 million. City funds including pensions and debt service support \$11,780 million of the Department of Education’s expense budget in 2011, an increase of \$826 million, or 7.5 percent. State funds support \$8,297 million, a decrease of \$30 million. The balance of the education budget is supported by \$2,577 million in Federal aid, including \$850 million from the economic stimulus package (a decrease of \$382 million from the 2010 forecast), \$9 million in intra-city funds and \$95 million in other categorical funds. Including those funds budgeted in separate agencies, total funds budgeted on behalf of the Department of Education are proposed to increase from \$22,391 million in the 2010 forecast to \$22,758 million in the 2011 Executive Budget. The Estimated Budget was temporarily adopted on an emergency basis by the Panel on June 3, 2010, and now comes before the Panel for permanent adoption.

Summary of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Suggested

No written or oral comments regarding the proposed Estimated Budget were received during the public review period¹ and no significant alternatives have been suggested.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposed Item

The DOE has made no changes to the Estimated Budget, and it will be presented to the PEP as it is posted. A copy of the Estimated Budget can be obtained at [LINK]

¹ Additional comments and questions related to the budget process as a whole were made during community education council meetings held prior to the start of the formal comment period. A summary of those comments and questions (and the DOE's responses) is attached.