

PUBLIC COMMENT ANALYSIS

Date: November 7th, 2012
Topic: Aggregation of Community School District Budgets
Date of Panel Vote: November 8th, 2012

Summary of Proposed Item

Pursuant to Education Law Sections 2590-r and 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy 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 (known as the Panel for Educational Policy in New York City) and the Chancellor (the “Aggregated Budget”). The community district budgets represent an aggregation of the school-based budgets developed by each school in the district pursuant to Education Law Section 2590-r and Chancellor’s Regulation B-801, along with a separate budget for each district’s community education council.

Summary of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Proposed

One comment was received concerning what the aggregation of community school district budgets represents.

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

The Aggregated Budget is composed of community school district budgets, which in turn are an aggregation of school-based budgets that have been certified by community district and high school superintendents as being aligned with each school’s Comprehensive Education Plan (“CEP”), together with a budget for administrative expenditures of the City Board and the Chancellor.

The required contents of the Aggregated Budget are set forth in Education Law Section 2590-r, subsections (e) and (f), which states, among other things, that the Chancellor is to develop a school-based budgeting process that includes certification that the school-based budget is sufficiently aligned with the school’s Comprehensive Educational Plan, and that the aggregation of the community district budgets, as modified and approved by the Chancellor, with a proposed budget for administrative and operational expenditures of the City Board and the Chancellor, shall be submitted to and adopted by the City Board after public hearing.

The Aggregated Budget can be found on the DOE website at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/2012PanelDistrictBudgets>.

In addition, school-specific budgets can be found on the DOE website at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/funding/schoolbudgets/default.htm>.

Changes Made to the Proposal

No changes have been made to the proposed item since it was posted for public comment on August 27, 2012.