



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**Public Comment Analysis**

**Date:** October 26, 2015

**Topic:** Aggregation of Community School District Budgets

**Date of PEP Vote:** October 27, 2015

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**Summary of Proposed Item**

Pursuant to Sections 2590-r and 2590-g 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”). The Aggregated Budget represents a consolidation of the school-based budgets created pursuant to Chancellor’s Regulation B-801, along with a separate budget for each district’s community educational council.

**Summary of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Suggested**

The public comments received since the DOE posted the Aggregated Budget are summarized as follows:

**Comment Related to the Community Education Council Budget:**

- One commenter asked about the allocation given to a particular community education council for Personal Services and Operating Expenses, questioning whether the funds in Personal Services were flexible and could be moved to Operating Expenses, or, alternatively, whether they can be used to provide an increase in a staff member’s salary.

**Comment Related to the Community School District Budget:**

- One commenter inquired where one can get additional information regarding school budgets in a particular community school district.



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

**Comment Related to the Community Education Council Budget:**

With respect to the first comment, the funds allocated within Personal Services (PS) are not flexible, and can only be used to fund personal services. The remainder of the comment is not relevant to the Aggregated Budget.

**Comment Related to the Community School District Budget:**

With respect to the second comment, additional information regarding individual district school budgets is available at:

[http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/d\\_chanc\\_oper/budget/dbor/allocationmemo/fy15\\_16/AM\\_FY16\\_pg1.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/d_chanc_oper/budget/dbor/allocationmemo/fy15_16/AM_FY16_pg1.html)

**Proposed Aggregated Budget**

The DOE has made no changes to the Aggregated Budget.

The Aggregated Budget thus will be presented to the Panel as it is posted. The full text of the proposed Aggregated Budget is available at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/AggregatedBudgetOctober272015PEP>