

**Public Comment Analysis**

**Date:** July 29, 2014

**Topic:** Annual Estimate of the Total Sum of Money Available to Support  
DOE Operations

**Date of Panel Vote:** July 30, 2014

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**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 operation 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, middle, intermediate, and high schools as well as Pre-K programs and special education schools and programs. The Department of Education’s operations provide 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 1,800 schools.

For fiscal year 2015, 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 \$20,623 million, an increase of \$880 million over the forecast for fiscal year 2014. City funds, including pensions and debt service, support \$14,174 million of the Department of Education’s expense budget in 2015, an increase of \$586 million, or 4.32 percent. State funds support \$9,899 million, an increase of \$790 million. The balance of the 2015 education budget is supported by \$1,722 million in Federal aid, \$94 million in other categorical funds, and \$9 million in intra-city funding. Total funds budgeted on behalf of the Department of Education are proposed to increase from \$24,594 million to \$25,898 million in the 2015 Executive Budget.

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

The DOE received no written or oral comments during the public comment period regarding the proposed Estimated Budget, and no significant alternatives have been suggested.

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

The DOE received no written or oral comments during the public comment period regarding the proposed Estimated Budget, and has made no changes to the Estimated Budget. The Estimated Budget, as posted on the DOE website on June 13, 2014, will be presented to the Panel at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Panel meeting.

The estimated budget can be obtained at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/ExecBudget2014>