

## **REVISED 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”) 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 DOE, 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.

In April, the DOE issued a public notice describing the proposed school year 2011-2012 FSF Formula Weights. On May 13, 2011, the DOE revised the proposed FSF Formula Weights as described in section II below. At that time, the DOE gave notice that: (1) the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) would vote on whether to adopt the revised proposed formulas at its May 18, 2011 meeting on an emergency basis and (2) would vote on whether to permanently adopt the revised proposed formulas at its June 27, 2011 meeting. The PEP adopted the revised formulas on an emergency basis at the May 18, 2011 Panel meeting so that the DOE could begin the school-based budgeting process for its schools.

**This amended notice is to advise you that the location for the June 27, 2011 Panel for Educational Policy meeting has changed as indicated in Section VI below. The PEP will vote on whether to permanently adopt the revised proposed formulas at that meeting.**

### **II. Identification of all revisions, including substantial revisions to the item.**

On April 1, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued a public notice describing the 2011-2012 FSF Formula Weights. At that time, no revisions had been made to the formulas which had been in effect since the FSF program began during the 2007-2008 school year.

On May 13, 2011, the DOE proposed a revision of the previously issued FSF Formula Weights. Of the 27 different weights that compose the current FSF Formula Weights, the DOE proposed the change of four weights in order to better align FSF funding with the pupil needs they are designed to address. The DOE also altered how it would implement the FSF with respect to certain schools.

#### Changes in FSF Formula Weights

##### *Academic Intervention Services*

On May 13, 2011, the DOE proposed the revision of one of the seven Academic Intervention FSF Funding Weights. The FSF Academic Intervention Poverty weight would change from .24 to .12, which would result in better targeting FSF funds to pupils who score below or well below standards

on NYS ELA and Math exams based upon the significantly changed scoring method introduced by New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) in Spring 2010.

### *Special Education*

The DOE also proposed the revision of three of the seven Special Education FSF Formula Weights, in order to align FSF with the different self-contained (SC) and collaborative team teaching (CTT) classroom models associated with different grade levels. The current FSF formula is based upon the early-childhood SC and CTT classroom models, which provide for classrooms of 10 special education pupils in SC and CTT classrooms. The proposed revisions would update the weight for SC classrooms of 15 students in grades 9-12 from .73 to .58. It would also update the weights for CTT classrooms to reflect classes with 12 special education pupils in all grades except kindergarten. For grades 1-8, the CTT weight would change from 2.28 to 1.90, and for grades 9-12 the weight will change from 2.28 to 2.10.

### FSF Implementation Change

The DOE transitioned to the FSF funding system for the 2007-08 school year. As part of implementing that transition, the DOE decided to give supplemental funding to schools whose budgets would have been larger under the pre-FSF funding system, in order to “hold them harmless” from the transition. By contrast, schools whose budgets were larger under FSF system than the under the old system were given only a portion of the larger FSF amount. The effect was to “smooth” the effect of the change from the old budget system to the new budget system by keeping the school budgets relatively stable during the transition period.

On May 13, 2011, the DOE proposed to change its implementation of FSF by providing supplemental allocations to the schools which have been receiving less than the full FSF-predicted amount of funding as a result of the prior implementation method. These schools would thus receive a proportionally higher share of the total available DOE budget than they have under the previous implementation of FSF.

### **III. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.**

For more information, please see the proposed allocation formulas and summary of change in FSF implementation, available at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/PermanentAdoptionRevisedFSF.htm>

### **IV. Submission of public comment.**

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



**Department of  
Education**

*Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor*

**V. 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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**VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

Vote on Emergency Adoption

May 18, 2011 at 6:00pm  
Long Island City High School  
14-30 Broadway  
Queens, NY 11106

Vote on Permanent Adoption

June 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11225