



**Public Comment Analysis**

**Date:** June 25, 2012  
**Topic:** Annual Estimate Of The Total Sum Of Money Available To Support Doe Operations  
**Date of PEP Vote:** June 26, 2012

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**ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL SUM OF MONEY AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT DOE OPERATIONS**

**Summary of Proposed Item**

Pursuant to §§ 2590-g and 2590-r 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 offer 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 1,700 schools. For fiscal year 2013, the estimated operating budget (not including education-related pension and debt service costs, which are budgeted by different city agencies) for the Department of Education is \$19,712 million, an increase of \$387 million over the current forecast for fiscal year 2012 of \$19,325 million. City funds including pensions and debt service support \$13,422 million of the Department of Education’s expense budget in 2013, an increase of \$294 million. State funds support \$8,916 million, an increase of \$374 million. The balance of the education budget is supported by \$1,947 million in Federal aid and \$97 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 \$23,735 million in the 2012 Forecast to \$24,382 million in the 2013 Executive Budget.

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

The DOE received no comments during the comment period regarding the estimated total sum of money available to support DOE operations. The DOE received one unrelated comment from the Citywide Council for High Schools regarding the treatment of Career Technical Education funding, and parent coordinators.

### **Changes Made to the Proposed Item**

No changes were made to the proposed item, meaning the Panel will vote on the Estimated Budget as issued on June 26, 2012.