

Public Comment Analysis

Date: June 21, 2016

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

Date of PEP Vote: June 22, 2016

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 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 full day pre-kindergarten programs and special education schools, the Department of Education provides instructional services, offering students special education, 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 (“FY”) 2017, 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 \$23,073 million. In addition, education-related pension, debt service, and other fringe costs of \$6,497 million are budgeted in separate agencies. City funds, including pensions, debt service and other fringe, support \$16,844 million of the Department of Education’s expense budget in FY 2017. State funds support \$10,843 million. The balance of the education budget is supported by \$1,717 million in Federal aid, \$10 million in intra-city funds and \$155 million in other categorical funds. Total funds budgeted on behalf of the Department of Education, including those funds budgeted within the City, is expected to be \$29,569 million in the FY 2017 Executive Budget.

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.



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Analysis of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Proposed

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 proposed Estimated Budget. The proposed Estimated Budget, as posted on the DOE website on May 6, 2016, will be presented to the Panel for Educational Policy at the June 22nd Panel meeting.

The Estimated Budget can be obtained at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/EstimatedBudget2016>