

SUBJECT: BUDGET ADOPTION

The Board of Education shall review the recommended budget of the Superintendent of Schools and shall seek public input and feedback regarding the recommended budget including, but not limited to, holding a public budget hearing not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual District Meeting and Election at which the budget vote is to occur. The Board may modify the recommended budget of the Superintendent prior to Board adoption for submission to District voters. Final authorization of the proposed budget is dependent upon voter approval unless a contingency budget is adopted by the Board.

Copies of the proposed annual operating budget for the succeeding year to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election shall be available to District residents, on request, the Superintendent's office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual Meeting. The availability of this budget information shall also be included in a legal notice of the Annual Meeting; and such copies of the proposed budget will also be available to District residents at the time of the Annual Meeting and Election.

The School District budget will be presented in three separately delineated components which are to be voted upon as one proposition: a program component, an administrative component, and a capital component. Additionally, the Board shall attach to the proposed budget those documents mandated pursuant to law and/or Commissioner's Regulations.

All budget documents for distribution to the public shall be written in plain language and organized in a manner which best promotes public comprehension of the contents.

In the event the original proposed budget is not approved at the Annual District Meeting and Election, the Board may resubmit the original proposed budget or a revised budget for voter approval, or individual propositions may be placed before District voters, at a special meeting held at a later date. In the alternative, if the initial proposed budget is defeated, the Board may adopt a contingency budget and levy taxes as necessary for implementation of the contingency budget expenditures. If the voters fail to approve the second budget submittal, or budget propositions(s), the Board must adopt a contingency budget in accordance with law.

The School District budget for any school year, or any part of such budget, or any proposition(s) involving the expenditure of money for that school year, unless financing is involved, cannot be submitted for a vote of the qualified District voters more than twice.

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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: BUDGET ADOPTION (Cont'd.)

The School District budget, once adopted, becomes the basis for establishing the tax levy on real property within the District.

Education Law Sections 1608, 1716, 1804(4),
1906(1), 2002(1), 2003(1), 2004(1), 2022, 2023,
and 2601-a
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
Sections 100.2(bb), 170.8 and 170.9

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