

DISSEMINATION OF BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Superintendent of Schools shall make budget recommendations available to the Board of Education members prior to the budget hearing in accordance with the budget calendar.

In addition, the Superintendent shall make a copy of the proposed budget and attachments available to all district taxpayers at the district office during working hours, not less than 14 days prior to the annual meeting.

As required by law, all budget documents given to the public will be written in plain language and organized in a way to promote the public's understanding of their contents. The documents will be complete, accurate, and contain sufficient detail to adequately inform the public about estimated revenues, proposed expenditures, transfers to other funds, the amount of fund balance to be retained and to be used as well as a comparison to the prior year's data.

A summary of the tentative budget ("popularized budget") may be published in a district mailing. In addition, the Board may provide the public with specific, factual information concerning budget recommendations, through news releases to the media, group meetings with members of the public to be held on set dates and times, and the district newsletter.

No district funds may be expended to promote either a favorable or negative opinion of the proposed school budget.

In addition, the Board will not selectively solicit a segment of district voters who might be expected to support passage of the proposed budget.

Ref: Education Law §§1608; 1716; 2017; 2517; 2554; 2590-e; 2590-g; 2601-a
8 NYCRR §170.9
Phillips v. Maurer, 67 NY2d 672 (1985)
Matter of Scanio, 23 EDR 104 (1983)
Matter of Pucci, 31 EDR 3 (1991)

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