

THE STATE EDUCATION BOARD

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May 7, 2021

Mr. Yehuda Weissmandl
President, Board of Education
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Dear Mr. Weissmandl:

Pursuant to Chapter 66 of the Laws of 2016, as amended by Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2017 and Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2018, the Board is reviewing the 2021-22 school year budget.

Specifically, the Board is reviewing the proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year. It expects to the greatest extent possible, but not limited to, extraordinary services, non-mandated art and music classes, program language lessons, and other programs. It must also ensure that the budget is balanced and that the estimated revenues are sufficient to cover the estimated expenditures.

In accordance with these provisions, the Board has reviewed the 2021-22 budget and has determined, conditionally, that it is balanced and modestly expands educational programming. The report entitled "2021-22 East Ramapo School District Budget Analysis and Recommendations" was prepared by the District's Budget Analyst, Mr. Singer, who has worked extensively with Interim Superintendent Ciomartino and his staff to address the various issues. The Board also reviewed the May 5, 2021 report by the Commissioner of the State Office of General Services regarding Mr. Singer's findings.

My preliminary approval of the budget is based on the following:

- That the budget does not result in significant modification of the proposed budget regarding June 30, 2021 fund balances, fund balances, revenues and expenditures for the 2021-22 school year, etc.

- The District submit, by May 7, 2011 a revised long term plan that:
 - reflects the most up-to-date information on the District's current fiscal situation and projected future expense
 - specifies the measurable and time-bound actions the District commits to take to address the long standing issues identified by the Fiscal Monitor and in prior year audits

Although I am conditionally approving the proposed 2021-22 school year budget, the District's existing financial condition has improved. The conditions in general have been placed at great risk by financial mismanagement

Because of the District's history of failing to meet the terms and conditions of federal awards, failure to meet expected performance federal awards, and failure to demonstrate compliance with State Education Department will hereby impose conditions on the use of stimulus funds to ensure that they are used in accordance with the intended purposes and provisions of the law and to ensure that the funds are not used in a manner that would occur in the District's general fund budget over time. These conditions are not limited to:

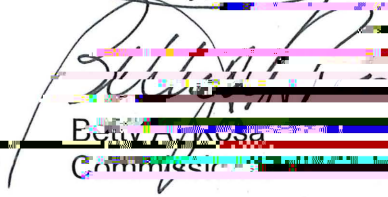
- Requiring payments as reimbursement
- Withholding a portion of the award until the District demonstrates acceptable performance within a given period of performance
- Requiring additional detailed financial reports
- Requiring additional public accountability
- Requiring the non-Federal entity to obtain technical or management assistance
- Establishing additional prior approvals.

The specific conditions that will be imposed on the District will be outlined in the formal Grant Award Notice that will be sent to the District as part of the Federal award application for funding

The District exercised good judgment in selecting Dr. Gianamino as interim Superintendent who served the District well. The New York State Education Department is working closely with Dr. Clarence Ellis, your newly appointed Superintendent, who is prepared to assume the role of Superintendent of the District

We look forward to ensuring that every child in our district has the resources they need to be successful!

Sincerely,



Ben Lyman
Committee

- c: Ray Giamartino
- Denise Lowe
- Bruce Singer
- Kim Wallace
- Jason Hammond