

Education Law §3614 School Funding Allocation Report
Part F - Narrative Description

- 1. Describe the local methodology/approach used to allocate funds to each school in the district. If schools are allocated funds—either in part or in full—through a formula, outline the nature/mechanics of the formula and the elements impacting each school’s allocation.**

Hempstead first drafts the revenue side of the budget. Hempstead pays close attention to state aid projections in order to build a comprehensive and insightful expenditure side of the budget that is cognizant of taxpayer affordability while allowing Board of Education policy, and the district’s mission of “student’s first” to serve as a vehicle to help focus resources and initiatives.

Hempstead meets with all building principals and department directors to determine their needs in November. Principals and departments are responsible for reviewing their budget codes, staffing and enrollment numbers. Staffing information is provided from human resources. The documents allow for a real-time look at who reports to each building in every department, as well as any change in enrollment.

Hempstead meets with cabinet members to review.

A draft of the budget is developed and provided to the Acting Superintendent in December.

Budget meetings commence in January (revenue and expense sides explained for general support, transportation, community services and undistributed expenses components); February (expense side for instruction component); March (present summary) Board adopts the budget proposal.

- 2. If applicable, is there anything unique about certain schools which explain why per pupil spending at these locations may be significantly higher/lower than the district average?**

Hempstead has a large student population with ten school buildings. It is important to note that this large district only has one high school building and one middle school building.

- 3. If applicable, describe any items which the district feels are anomalous in nature and require additional description beyond the Excel entry.**

Not applicable.