**Education Law §3614 School Funding Allocation Report**

**Part F - Narrative Description**

**Describe the local methodology/approach used to allocate funds to each school in the district during the process of budget development and implementation. 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. In addition, explain any non-formulaic elements impacting each school’s allocation. (Please note that this question asks about the district’s budget process, not about how the district completed the New York State School Funding Transparency Form.)**

Funds are allocated in an equitable manner to provide all students the opportunity and necessary support to engage in relevant, challenging work which contributes to their academic and social growth and development.

In addition, the district took into consideration many other factors and variables in developing the 2019-20 school-level budgets as follows. Staffing is the greatest consideration as the district's student population continues to grow. In fact, the K-12 population has grown by more than 500 students or 10% in the past five years. Therefore, staffing levels are carefully considered and anticipated to the extent possible to maintain acceptable class-size, meet the needs of special education students per IEP requirements, provide the necessary services to a growing ELL student population, and provide AIS services to ensure student success.

**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?**

Southgate elementary houses special education programs for students throughout the district who have multiple disabilities including physical disabilities that require a 1:1 nurse. The student to teacher ratio for special education classrooms is also lower than other schools due to the level of needs for students in this school.

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

N/A

  