

I. TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2014-15 USP BUDGET

Date(s)	Action
Feb – Apr	District staff, aided by the Deseg Budget Sub-Committee (DBSC), develops draft budgets using the methodology and criteria proposed in November 2013.
April 14	District staff begin meetings with budget operations expert Vicki Balentine to discuss budget issues; staff discusses the process for development of the 2014-15 USP Budget.
End of April	The DBC will meet to review proposed USP expenditures.
Start of May	DBC finalizes Draft Budget
May 13	District staff will present the development timeline to Governing Board
May 16	The DBC will finalize the proposed 2014-15 USP Budget. The proposed budget will identify all sources of funding for all provisions of the USP.
May 16	The District will submit the proposed budget to the Plaintiffs and Special Master by submitting it to the budget operations expert Vicki Balentine. District staff will provide the proposed budget to the Governing Board for review.
May 19 – June 9	Plaintiffs may provide their comments on the proposed budget to the Parties and the Special Master. During this period, Vicki Balentine will be available to assist the Plaintiffs in their review of the proposed budget.
May 19 – June 9	DBSC/DBC members will meet with Vicki Balentine to assess the funding needs for the USP and to discuss Plaintiffs’ comments.
May 27	The Governing Board will study the Draft Budget as part of an information item on the entire budget (1:27 standards and formulas; major changes to the USP Budget; etc.) [Study]
June 10	The Governing Board will study Plaintiffs’ comments and major issues [Study]
June 19	Within 10 days of receiving the Plaintiffs’ comments (due by June 9), the Special Master shall communicate to the District and the Parties, his suggestions, if any, for modifying the proposed 2014-15 USP Budget.
June 20	DBSC/DBC members will meet with Vicki Balentine to discuss the Special Master’s suggestions, if any, for modifying the proposed budget.
June 23	DBC finalizes USP Budget. Plaintiff and/or Special Master recommendations not included in the final budget will be noted and separately provided to the Governing Board for consideration.
June 24	The Governing Board will study Special Master suggestions, if any, for modifying the proposed budget. If prepared at that time, the Governing Board may vote to approve the budget. [Study/Action]
June 25 – 30	DBC finalizes USP Budget, submits to Governing Board for adoption on July 8. Plaintiff and/or Special Master recommendations not included in the final budget will be noted and separately provided to the Governing Board for consideration.
July 8	DBC present USP Budget to the Governing Board for adoption [Action]
June 25 or July 9	Approved Budget is provided to the Plaintiffs and Special Master.
If any of the Plaintiffs or the Special Master disagrees with the budget as approved, they may file objections with the Court within ten days and the Court shall resolve the objections on an expedited basis.	