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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to create an online portal to facilitate the comparison of funding and spending across schools

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 29 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 29

FUNDING AND SPENDING

§ 21-2901 Funding and spending. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Raw data. The term "raw data" means data that has not been subjected to processing, cleaning, analysis or manipulation.

b. The department shall develop and maintain an online portal on its website for the purpose of facilitating the comparison among schools of expenditures per student. Such online portal shall be designed to permit the user to compare, by school, the amount of funds expended for each student, and to trace such expenditures to their sources of funding and purposes for expenditure.

c. No later than August 1, 2023, the department shall post on its website the online portal required by subdivision b of this section. Such online portal shall be based upon information for the prior academic school year, and shall be updated with current information on a monthly basis. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. The amount of funds received by each school, disaggregated by the source of such funds; and

2. The amount of funds spent by each school, traced to the source of funding and purpose for expenditure.

d. Student data reported in the online portal required by subdivision b of this section shall be capable of being disaggregated by demographic information including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity and ELL status.

e. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement.

f. No later than August 1, 2023, and monthly thereafter, the department shall submit to the council in a machine-readable format and post on the city's open data portal and on MyGalaxy, or any subsequent budgeting application of the department, all raw data, upon which the online portal required by subdivision b of this section is based, that pertains to funds actually expended by schools.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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