

Mandate Review Request #2012110001

Note: All information below was provided by the local government/Mandate Relief Council Member requesting that a mandate be reviewed. Neither the Council nor its staff has verified the accuracy of the information provided or made any other edits.

Name of Local Government: Palmyra-Macedon Central School District
Type of Local Government: School District
County: Wayne & Ontario

Name of Mandate: Special Education

Type of Mandate: Statute

Citation for Mandate: New York State has over 200 Special Education statutes and regulations that exceed Federal requirements. See the New York State Education Department's document, "New York State Law, Regulations and Policy Not Required by Federal Law/Regulations/Policy - Revised May 2012" (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/idea/2012regsanalysis.htm>)

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Recommended Change: Reduce the costs of special education by eliminating State mandates that exceed federal requirements as described above. See also the Council of New York Special Education Administrators' "Mandate Relief 2011 Position Paper" (<http://www.cnysea.net/images/stories/pdfs/Mandate-Relief-Position-3-16-11.pdf>) for more specific recommendations.

Estimated Savings from the Recommended Change to the Local Government: Undetermined; 10% reduction in Spec.Ed. instructional expenses would result in over \$700,000 annual savings

Estimated Statewide Savings from the Recommended Change: Undetermined; 10% reduction in Spec.Ed. instructional expenses would result in over \$1.1 billion annual savings

Description of Methodology Used in Estimating Savings: Savings estimates are based on 2009-2010 Special Education Instructional Expenses as reported on the 2010-2011 New York State School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement. 2009-2010 Special Education instructional expenses for Palmyra-Macedon totaled \$7,067,638; Statewide Special Education instructional expenses totaled \$11.3 billion in 2009-2010.