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Revised – §3012-d Supplemental Form for Alternate SLOs (Material Change)

Lori DeCarlo, Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent DeCarlo:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that the material change you submitted to your currently approved Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan on the Supplemental Form for Alternate SLOs meets the criteria outlined in Subpart 30-3 of the Commissioner's Regulations and has been approved. As a reminder, we are relying on the certifications and assurances that are part of your approved APPR plan and those found in the Supplemental Form for Alternate SLOs. If any material changes are made to your approved plan, your district/BOCES must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, the Department will be analyzing data supplied by districts, BOCES, and/or schools and may order a corrective action plan if there are unacceptably low correlation results between the Student Performance category and the Teacher Observation or Principal School Visits category, and/or if the teachers' or principals' overall ratings and subcomponent scores show little differentiation across educators and/or the lack of differentiation is not justified by equivalently consistent student achievement results, and/or if schools or districts show a pattern of anomalous results in the Student Performance category and/or the Observation/School Visits category.

The New York State Education Department and I look forward to continuing our work together, with the goal of ensuring that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class principal to support his or her professional growth, and every student achieves college and career readiness.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

MaryEllen Elia
Commissioner

Attachment

c: Lynda Quick

PLEASE NOTE:

Pursuant to section 30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, your district/BOCES must calculate transition scores and ratings for teachers and principals that exclude the results of grades 3-8 ELA and math State assessments and any State-provided growth scores. During the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years only, your district/BOCES must use the alternate SLOs described in your "Supplemental Form for Alternate SLOs" which have been incorporated into your approved §3012-d APPR plan for teachers and principals who, as a result of the above exclusions, have no remaining measures in the Student Performance Category.

During this transition period, your district/BOCES must also continue to provide affected teachers and principals with their original APPR scores and ratings calculated based on the measures in your currently approved APPR plan *without any modifications, substitutions, or replacements as a result of the transition regulations*. Original APPR scores and ratings must be used for advisory purposes only and shall have no impact on employment decisions, tenure determinations, or teacher and principal improvement plans.

Teachers and principals whose APPRs do not include grades 3-8 ELA and math State assessments or State-provided growth scores are not impacted by the transition regulations. Accordingly, APPR scores and ratings for such staff must be calculated pursuant to your district's/BOCES's approved APPR plan without any modifications, and no transition scores and ratings need be generated.

The transition period will end at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, each educator will receive only a single set of scores and ratings pursuant to the measures outlined in your district's/BOCES APPR plan.

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your APPR have been reviewed and are considered as part of your APPR; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your APPR but are not incorporated by reference in your APPR have not been reviewed. However, the Department reserves the right to review the uploaded attachments at any time for consistency with your APPR plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your APPR plan and/or require corrective action.