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**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** MaryEllen Elia 

**SUBJECT:** ESSA Materials

**DATE:** July 5, 2018

We look forward to our discussion regarding New York State's Every Student Succeeds Act plan at the July retreat. In advance of that conversation, I am pleased to share the following documents:

- [January 2018 USDE-Approved ESSA Plan Summary](#)
- ESSA Fact Sheets for Parents, [Educators](#), and [School Board Members](#) (parent fact sheet is available via the links below in 15 languages and attached in [English](#), [Creole](#), and [Urdu](#))
- Summary Document of the Equity Indicators in the ESSA Plan (suspension/expulsion rates; chronic absenteeism; college and career readiness; extended year graduation rates; high school and postsecondary access; and school climate)
- ESSA Plan Focus Areas document

For your reference, we have compiled below a summary of communications and meetings to date around ESSA, as well as links to those communications.

We will continue our comprehensive communications about ESSA as we move into full implementation. I look forward to keeping you up to date and continuing our discussions on our ESSA plan, regulations, and implementation.

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### **Public Communications**

Communications to you, parents, educators, and others about our ESSA plan, its development, public feedback, USDE feedback, and changes to the various versions of the plan – including changes from the Sep. 2017 Board-approved plan to the Jan. 2018 USDE-approved plan – were extensive and vast in scope. We created a [webpage](#) dedicated to ESSA and maintain important informational materials there.

In total, our communications to date encompass:

- 22 presentations to the Regents
- 10 news releases
- 10 parent newsletters
- 8 "News & Notes" newsletter articles
- 4 Fact Sheets

- Parent [fact sheet](#), which is available in [15 languages](#):

<a href="#">Arabic</a>	<a href="#">Bengali</a>	<a href="#">Burmese</a>
<a href="#">Chinese</a>	<a href="#">Creole</a>	<a href="#">French</a>
<a href="#">Japanese</a>	<a href="#">Karen</a>	<a href="#">Nepali</a>
<a href="#">Punjabi</a>	<a href="#">Russian</a>	<a href="#">Somali</a>
<a href="#">Spanish</a>	<a href="#">Urdu</a>	<a href="#">Uzbek</a>

- [School board member](#) fact sheet
- [Educator](#) fact sheet
- [Parent fact sheet](#) specifically explaining the ESSA requirements as they relate to State assessments

Further, all presentations to the Board of Regents were lived tweeted on our Twitter account and every news release and newsletters were covered on all of our social media channels, resulting in countless posts regarding ESSA.

### **Meetings**

In addition, we convened more than a dozen meetings of the ESSA Think Tank over the past two years as well as more than ten meetings with our Title I committee of practitioners. We also held more than 120 in-person meetings that were attended by more than 4,000 students, parents, educators, and other stakeholders. Further, we are continuing to present to ESSA Think Tank members and school Chief Accountability Officers about the approved ESSA plan and draft regulations.

### **Timeline**

A complete timeline of our ESSA communications, with our most recent communication first, is below with links to each communication.

June 2018:

- Board Presentation: [For Emergency Action Proposed Draft Commissioner's Regulations Related to NY's Approved ESA Plan](#)

May 2018:

- [Parent Update](#) Newsletter
- [News & Notes](#) Newsletter
- [Parent Update](#) Newsletter

April 2018:

- Board Presentation: [Proposed Amendments to Sections 100.2\(ff\), 100.2\(m\), 100.18, 100.19, and Part 120 of the Commissioner's Regulations and the Addition of a new Section 100.21 of the Commissioner's Regulations Relating to the implementation of the State's Approved Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) Plan](#)
- Superintendent Newsletter: Includes [column](#) regarding requirements under ESSA for schools that do not meet the 95% participation rate

March 2018:

- Board Presentation: [Every Student Succeeds Act Financial Transparency](#)

January 2018:

- Board Presentation: [USDE Review and Approval of New York's Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan](#) (Slide 10 explains that science and academic achievement for ELA, Math and science measured based on continuously enrolled students had to be reclassified from a measure of "academic achievement" to "another academic indicator" and that as a consequence a new Composite Index had to be created to combine these measures together).
- [News Release](#) with section explaining changes from Sep. 2017 Board-approved Plan to January USDE approved plan
- [Tracked changes version](#) of the Sep. 2017 version of the ESSA plan to Jan. 2018 version
- Revised [Summary](#) of the ESSA Plan
- [News & Notes](#) Newsletter with ESSA Plan Article
- [Parent Update Newsletter](#) with ESSA Plan Article

December 2017:

- [Statement](#) from Commissioner on Initial USDE ESSA Plan Feedback

October 2017:

- [News & Notes](#)
- [Parent Update from Commissioner Elia](#)

September 2017:

- Board Presentation: [Revised Draft Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan and Associated waivers](#)
- [News Release: State Education Department Submits Every Student Succeeds Act Plan to U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [News Release: Board of Regents Approves NY'S Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](#)
- [News & Notes Newsletter](#) with ESSA Plan Article
- [Parent Update from Commissioner Elia](#) with ESSA Plan Article

August 2017:

- News Release: [State Education Department Releases Waivers Related to State ESSA Plan For Public Comment](#)
- [Parent Update from Commissioner Elia](#)

July 2017:

- Board of Regents Public Retreat, with Board Presentations: [Proposed Changes to Final draft plan for submission](#); [State Dashboards Presentation](#); [Next Generation Assessments Presentation](#); [Social, Emotional, Health and Mental Health, and Attendance Issues Presentation](#); [Stakeholder Feedback Analysis Presentation](#)
- [Summary](#) of ESSA Plan
- [News and Notes: ESSA Plan, Summer Food Service Program and Cultural Ed Resources for Teachers](#)
- News Release: [State Education Department Releases Revised Draft Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](#)

June 2017:

- Board Presentation: [Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan: Update on Public Hearings and Public Comment](#)
- [Parent Update from Commissioner Elia](#)

- [News and Notes](#)

May 2017:

- Board Presentation: [Every Student Succeeds Act Draft State Plan for Public Comment](#)
- News Release: [State Education Department Releases Draft Every Student Succeeds Act Plan for Public Comment](#)
- News Release: [State Education Department Announces 13 Public Meetings To Be Held To Receive Comment On Draft Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](#)
- [News and Notes: Revised ELA and Math Standards; Public Meetings for ESSA Plan](#)
- [Parent Update from Commissioner Elia](#)

April 2017:

- Board Presentation: [April 4 Board of Regents Meeting on ESSA](#)

March 2017:

- Board Presentation: [ESSA Public Retreat](#)
- [Parent Update from Commissioner MaryEllen Elia](#)
- [News and Notes](#)

February 2017:

- News Release: [State Education Department Seeking Input for Determining School Accountability Under ESSA](#)
- [Update for Parents from Commissioner MaryEllen Elia](#)

January 2017:

- Board Presentations: [Development of the New York State Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](#) and [ESSA State Plan High Concept Ideas](#) and [Proposed "High Concept Idea" Summaries -- Supports and Improvements for Schools 12/1/2016](#) and [Survey of School Quality and Student Success Indicators](#)

December 2016:

- Board Presentation: [Development of New York's Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan](#)

November 2016:

- Board Presentation: [Development of New York's Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan](#) and [ESSA State Plan High Concept Ideas](#)

October 2016:

- Board Presentation: [Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan Development Activities](#)
- News Release: [State Education Department Proposes High-Level Concepts For Draft Every Student Succeeds Act Plan](#)