



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
Acting in their Capacity as Trustees of The University of
the State of New York

FROM: Mary Drzonsc, Fiscal Agent

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$225,000 grant from The Bill and Melinda
Gates Foundation

DATE: November 14, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$225,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Foundation. The Foundation's educational mission is to dramatically improve education so that all young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The Foundation seeks to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for college and career and prepared to complete a postsecondary degree or certificate with value in the workplace.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will help fund a consultant to help the Department identify schools that are already achieving positive outcomes with boys and young men of color; develop a resource guide that includes information about how these schools achieve their success with this population; and host meetings to bring the successful schools and struggling schools together to engage in a knowledge sharing partnership.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$225,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support the work outlined above.