



**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 *Mary Drzonsc*

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$500,000 grant from The Wallace  
Foundation

**DATE:** December 13, 2016

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Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$500,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from The Wallace Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to foster improvements in learning and enrichment for disadvantaged children and the vitality of the arts for everyone.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The purpose of the grant from the Wallace Foundation is to review and learn from the work in districts and states that have developed various programs, partnerships with local universities, and tracking tools to improve principal preparation. The lessons learned from the models will be used to inform and improve principal preparation in other high-needs school districts in New York State. The grant is related to research that is currently taking place as part of the school building leader preparation program restructuring efforts underway at the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$500,000 from The Wallace Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research.