



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Creating a Safety Net for the School Building Leader Assessment

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education creating a safety net for the School Building Leader Assessment?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of Policy.

Proposed Handling

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Full Board for discussion at its July 2020 meeting (Attachment A is a copy of the proposed amendment).

Procedural History

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the State Register on July 29, 2020. Supporting materials for the proposed amendment are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Background Information

At its December 2017 meeting, the Board of Regents approved requiring school building leader preparation programs, that are registered or seek registration on or after December 1, 2020, to be aligned with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSELs), with some modifications. Programs have been aligned with the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards. As such, the current Revised

(September 2013) School Building Leader Assessment (“2013 SBL Assessment”) for certification is based on the ISLLC Standards.

The approval of the PSELs prompted the Department to redevelop the 2013 SBL Assessment. Through the test redevelopment process, the test framework and items were redeveloped to ensure that candidates for school building leader certification can demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities reflected in the PSELs.

It is anticipated that the Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment (“2019 SBL Assessment”) will become operational in November 2020. The assessment framework was revised in May 2019 and was made available online for candidates and school building leader preparation programs to assist in the preparation of candidates for the redeveloped assessment.

Proposed Amendment

The Department is proposing to create a safety net for the two-part School Building Leader Assessment that would become effective when the 2019 SBL Assessment becomes operational. When available, a candidate would be able to take Part One of either the 2019 SBL Assessment or the 2013 SBL Assessment, and would be able to take Part Two of either the 2019 SBL Assessment or the 2013 SBL Assessment, for two years after the 2019 SBL Assessment becomes operational.

The proposed safety net allows candidates to be held harmless during the two-year transition period from the 2013 SBL Assessment to the 2019 SBL Assessment. The Department is proposing a safety net that is two years in length because candidates may enroll in a school building leader program that is based on the ISLLC Standards as late as fall 2020, and candidates typically complete school building leadership preparation programs within two years.

Related Regents Items

December 2017: [Proposed Amendment of Sections 30-3.2 and 30-3.5 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and Sections 52.21 and 80- 3.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Adoption of the 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leaders with Certain New York Specific Modifications for the Purpose of Registration of School Building Leader Programs and School Building Leader Evaluation](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1217hea1.pdf)
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Recommendation

Not applicable.

Timetable for Implementation

Following the 60-day public comment period required under the State Administrative Procedure Act, it is anticipated that the proposed amendment will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption at its October 2020 meeting. If adopted at the October 2020 meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on November 4, 2020.

Attachment A

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 207, 305, 3001, 3003, 3004, and 3009.

1. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be added to read as follows:

(vii) When the revised (May 2019) school building leader assessment becomes available, a candidate may take part one of either the revised (May 2019) school building leader assessment or the revised (September 2013) school building leader assessment, and may take part two of either the revised (May 2019) school building leader assessment or the revised (September 2013) school building leader assessment, for two years after the revised (May 2019) school building leader assessment becomes operational.