



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

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

**FROM:** Valerie Grey, Fiscal Agent *Valerie Grey*

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$488,000 two-year grant from the Ford  
Foundation

**DATE:** December 5, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

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Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$488,000 two-year grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Ford Foundation. The Ford Foundation is committed to social change around the world, and working with visionary leaders and organizations to change social structures and institutions. In its educational giving, the Ford Foundation advances higher education access and success, building knowledge for social justice and transforming secondary education.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Ford Foundation is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program, with an emphasis on school innovation work and turning around New York State's lowest-performing schools. The Fellowship will provide supplemental expert personnel to assist in the design and implementation of the initiatives essential to the Board of Regents and NYSED Reform Agenda. This critical Reform Agenda support will enable identification and retention of Regents Research Fellows who will be responsible for critical research and analysis to advise the Board of Regents and Department on policy and subsequent implementation.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

I recommend that the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$488,000 from the Ford Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.