



Regents Reform Agenda

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Monthly Board Update

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State Activities: Standards and Assessments

Accomplishments

- Board of Regents adopted the New York State P-12 Common Core learning Standards: ELA/Literacy, Math and Pre K
- First phase of improvements to 3-8 Assessments in Spring 2011 (more comprehensive, extended writing in all grades)
- Hired Director of Curriculum Services, Gladys Cruz

Work Underway

- Contract for Math 3-8 and ELA 3-11 vendor soon to be finalized
- Develop RFP for Statewide Curriculum & Instructional Services, plan to issue in Spring 2011
- Participate in PARCC assessment design



State Activities: Data Systems

Presentation to Regents during April meeting

Accomplishments

- Received positive feedback during USDE data system site visit
- Provided guidance to vendors on 2011-2012 and beyond Teacher of Record specs
- Hired Data Director, Jeff Baker

Work Underway

- Data portal/instructional reporting system requirements and procurement
- Early Warning System/Student Transcript requirements and procurement
- Data system expansion to include P-12 instructional (teacher/course) and higher education information
- Provide guidance to field on 2010-2011 teacher of record policies
- Expansion of higher education systems and other P-20 data linkages



State Activities: Great Teachers and Leaders

Accomplishments

- Teaching Standards adopted by Board of Regents in January
- Issued RFP: clinically rich graduate teacher preparation program
- Pilot-tested performance-based examination for initial certification of teachers and school building leaders
- Convened Teacher Leader Evaluation (TLE) Task Force consisting of a diverse and inclusive group of stakeholders
- Surveyed school districts' use of commercially available student assessments

Work Underway

- Reviewing clinically rich graduate teacher preparation programs RFP
- TLE Task Force work group convening monthly since September; recommendations to Regents in April
- Draft RFPs: clinically rich principal preparation program; clinically rich undergraduate teacher preparation program; value-added model of teacher and principal effectiveness; model induction program



State Activities: School Turnaround

Accomplishments

- Improvements to identifying PLA schools with merging of the PLA and SURR processes
- Improvements in coordination of efforts across Office of Accountability, Office of Innovative School Models, and Office of District Services
- Expansion of internal staff capacity in the School Turnaround Office and hiring a Charter Schools Director
- Issued JIT reports for 18 NYC PLA schools and completed JIT visits to 20 other newly identified PLA schools in Buffalo, NYC and Syracuse.

Work Underway

- Develop continuum of external supports for PLA schools (formerly ETACIT)
- Issue RFP for School Innovation Fund
- Conduct JIT visits to newly identified schools; program evaluation visits to schools implementing intervention models
- Provide support to districts developing Cohort 2 SIG applications for newly identified schools
- Charter School Authorizing Strategic Planning and review of new charter school applications (100+ letters of intent; 80 prospectuses)



State Activities: Network Teams (NT)

Accomplishments

- Approved plans for the creation of 270 Network Teams (or NT Equivalents) for the 638 districts and 76 charters participating in RTTT
- Established strong collaborative relationship with Staff Curriculum Development Network (SCDN) to plan and support statewide professional development in reform priorities
- Created initial performance metrics to monitor NT performance and impact
- Developed conceptual framework for initial NT training for Summer 2011

Work Underway

- Finalize summer professional development dates, vendors and location
- Plan kick-off PD Planning Committee meeting
- Partner with PBS to define and create video of effective school-based Inquiry Teams at work and supporting resources
- Collaborate with School Turnaround Office and OISM to begin to define Network Team support in place of ETACIT



State Activities: Performance Management

Accomplishments

- Restructured the Department to advance reform initiatives
- Completed review of more than 700 LEA final *Scopes of Work*
- Developed initial set of Assurance Area level performance metrics
- Completed RTTT staffing
- Developed expedited RFP process for first phase of RFPs (drafting – posting)

Work Underway

- Assist Assurance Teams with the development of RFPs/RFQs
- Develop expedited RFP process for 2nd phase (posting – awarding) and 3rd phase (awarding – contract)
- Develop and monitor performance metrics for each assurance team