



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 \$225,000 grant from The Bill & Melinda
Gates Foundation

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$225,000 grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The purpose of the grant from the Foundation is to enable the State Education Department to address communication needs related to helping parents, education stakeholders, and policymakers understand a variety of critical academic changes. Consistent and targeted communication regarding learning standards, accountability indicators, and other Department policies is key to maintaining transparency and promoting common understanding. In addition, a portion of the grant funding will advance the ability of SED to discern and respond to advocacy and communication needs as we explore opportunities to connect early childhood, K-12, and postsecondary student information. Specifically, both City University of New York (CUNY) and State University of New York (SUNY) are partners in the project.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$225,000 from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fund.