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Development of the Statewide Plan for Higher Education in New York State

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Statewide Plan for Higher Education

NYSED is launching the next statewide planning process now.

The Statewide Plan will include information from the master plans submitted by:

- SUNY,
- CUNY,
- Independent colleges and universities, and
- Proprietary colleges and universities.

Advisory Council on Higher Education

An Advisory Council on Higher Education will advise the Department and Board of Regents. The Council will include:

- SUNY Chancellor;
- CUNY Chancellor;
- Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities representative;
- Association of Proprietary Colleges representative; and
- Up to four members from each sector who are identified by the individuals above.

Statewide Planning Process

Master planning for higher education in New York State should:

- Define and differentiate missions and objectives of institutions of higher education;
- Identify needs, problems, societal conditions, and interests of New Yorkers;
- Develop programs to meet those needs;
- Include sufficient detail to allow planners, stakeholders, and citizens to evaluate needs, objectives, program proposals, priorities, costs and results of higher education; and
- Optimize use of resources and evaluate program effectiveness.

Sector Master Plans

Each sector will develop a master plan that will address:

- Plans for new curricula;
- New facilities and overall expenditure projections of capital and operating costs;
- Changes in student admission policies and projected student enrollment; and
- Relationships to other colleges and universities within the State.

Draft Statewide Plan Topics:

- Engaging in collaborative, mutually beneficial partnerships with the P-12 community to strengthen the P-20 system.
- Ensuring equity, diversity, and inclusion in the P-20 system, including students in the educator and licensed profession career tracks.
- Improving accessibility, student support services, and academic outcomes.
- Preparing students for current and future needs of communities, society, and the workforce.
- Transforming operations, structures, and programs in response to the evolving higher education landscape, post-pandemic realities, and student demographics.



Timeline – Topics

Date	Activity
Summer 2021	Form Commissioner’s Advisory Council on Higher Education.
Fall 2021	Hold Advisory Council meetings to discuss draft topics. Collect stakeholder input on draft topics. Present feedback on draft topics to Board of Regents.
Winter 2022	Present final set of topics to the Board. Send sectors the master plan topics and deadline for submitting plans to the Department (January 1, 2023).

Timeline – Statewide Plan

Date	Activity
Spring 2022	<p>Present to the Board preliminary draft sections of the Statewide Plan.</p> <p>Hold Advisory Council meetings to discuss draft sections of the Statewide Plan.</p>
Fall 2022	Present to the Board draft sections of the Statewide Plan.
January 1, 2023	Deadline for sector master plans.
Spring 2023	<p>Present to the Board draft Statewide Plan including sector master plan information.</p> <p>Hold Advisory Council meetings and public hearings on draft Statewide Plan.</p>
Summer 2023	<p>Present final Statewide Plan to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Submit Statewide Plan to Governor and Legislature.</p>

Questions?