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Regents Reform
Agenda

Monthly Board Update

March 7, 2011
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

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

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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)

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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

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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 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase (posting – awarding) and 3\textsuperscript{rd} phase (awarding – contract)
• Develop and monitor performance metrics for each assurance team

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