



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 \$450,000, one-year grant from the  
William & Flora Hewlett Foundation

**DATE:** September 10, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *J. B. G. G.*

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$450,000 one-year grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation (the "Foundation"). The Foundation awards grants to improve education for all students, with a particular focus on those from disadvantaged areas. It is committed to helping schools nationwide prepare a new generation of students to respond to the ever-increasing demands of a rapidly changing world.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Foundation is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program's work in the area of Common Core and Educator Engagement. The Fellowship will provide supplemental expert personnel to assist in Common Core and Educator Engagement initiatives essential to the Regents Reform Agenda. This critical Reform Agenda support will enable identification and retention of Regents Research Fellows who will be responsible for research and analysis to advise the Board of Regents and Department on policy and subsequent implementation.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$450,000 from the Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.