



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: Mary Drzonosc, Fiscal Agent *Mary Drzonosc*

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$300,000 two-year grant from the Ford
Foundation (the "Foundation")

DATE: October 21, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S): *JL B. 759.*

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$300,000 two-year grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Ford Foundation. The Ford Foundation is committed to social change around the world, and working with visionary leaders and organizations to change social structures and institutions. In its educational giving, the Ford Foundation advances higher education access and success, building knowledge for social justice and transforming secondary education.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Ford Foundation is awarded to support the Regents Research Fellowship Program, with an emphasis on school innovation work and turning around New York State's lowest-performing schools. The Fellowship provides supplemental expert personnel to assist school innovation work 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 State Education Department.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accepts the sum of \$300,000 from the Foundation to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.