



**TO:** Higher Education Committee  
P12 Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** What Success Looks Like

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Discussion**

What Success Looks Like (Follow Up) - SED staff and representatives from the Malverne Senior High School and Yonkers School District will continue the discussion that started at the September Board meeting about "What Success Looks Like" in high schools that surpass the overall NYS graduation rate of 80 percent for young men of color or have a three year positive trajectory. Both Malverne High School and Saunders Trades and Technical Senior High School significantly exceed the overall statewide graduation rate for all students with their young men of color. Additionally, these districts have worked closely with PLC Associates, Inc. to do an in-depth study into the work that is occurring at the district level to support these outcomes and document how they can be replicated. The discussion will include three-year trend data on their graduation rates, as well as some of the practices that assist in their efforts.

#### **Reason for Consideration**

For discussion.

#### **Background Information**

Whereas the Board of Regents is committed to ensuring that all students receive the highest quality education, and have made access and equity a priority, boys and young men of color are not attaining equitable graduation rates. The New York State Education Department undertook a comprehensive study of 10 high schools across the state that are exceeding the overall statewide graduation rate of 80 percent or have a three-year positive trajectory for boys and young men of color; the preliminary findings were shared at the September Board of Regents meeting. This conversation is a follow up discussion with representatives from two of the schools featured in the study.