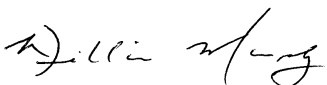




**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** William P. Murphy 

**SUBJECT:** State University of New York at Brockport: Master Plan Amendment to Offer its First Doctoral Level Program in Education and Regents Authorization to Award the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Degree

**DATE:** March 27, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**



**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize The State University of New York at Brockport (SUNY Brockport) to offer its first program in Education at the doctoral level and authorize the College to award the Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.)?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its April 2025 meeting.

**Procedural History**

On October 22, 2024, the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized SUNY Brockport to offer a program in Educational Leadership leading to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree, subject to Regents approval. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first doctoral program in the discipline of Education. Regents authorization is also required to allow the institution to award the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree.

## **Background Information**

SUNY Brockport is proposing to offer an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, its first doctoral program in the discipline of Education. As described by SUNY Brockport, the proposed program is designed to educate students to develop critical leadership skills and acquire the knowledge required to implement systematic change across educational organizations, including Pre-K-12 schools and institutions of higher education. Graduates will be ready to address cross-functional challenges, identify and implement growth opportunities, and foster effective learning environments based on data-driven processes. This fully online program adds to the existing educational leadership graduate program portfolio at SUNY Brockport, including an advanced certificate and master's degree in educational administration, an advanced certificate in higher education mid-management, a master's degree in higher education administration, and an advanced certificate in school business administration.

An academic review of the proposed program has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In February 2025, following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the Finger Lakes Region. Of those canvassed, three positive letters of support were received, and there were no objections or statements of negative impact.

## **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

## **Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize The State University of New York at Brockport to offer its first doctoral program in the discipline of Education and authorize the institution to award the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Amendments to The State University of New York Master Plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will forward the amendment to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the proposed program in Educational Leadership at SUNY Brockport.