



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

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Adoption of the New York State Portrait of a Graduate

**DATE:** July 14, 2025

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#### SUMMARY

#### Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed New York State Portrait of a Graduate as presented by Department staff on Monday, July 14, 2025?

#### Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of policy.

#### Proposed Handling

The proposed New York State Portrait of a Graduate will be presented to the Full Board for discussion at the July 2025 meeting of the Board of Regents.

#### Background Information

In November 2023, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures presented their recommendations to the Board of Regents. The Graduation Measures Initiative was an unprecedented effort that brought together student voices along with a diverse range of stakeholders, including parents, educators, administrators, school support staff, representatives of higher education, and the business community. As leaders in education, the Blue Ribbon Commission members were mindful of the need to prepare New York State graduates for success in a complex and rapidly changing world. As such, the Commission drafted a New York State Portrait of a Graduate to serve as a foundation and vision for what students should know, be able to do, and embody upon graduation.

In November 2024, the Department presented a timeline for implementing the Commission's recommendations. This timeline included the adoption of a New York State Portrait of a Graduate. Based on the Commission's recommendation and the implementation plan, the Board of Regents now proposes to adopt the New York State Portrait of a Graduate as the framework for New York State's P-20 education system.

If approved, the adoption of a New York State Portrait of a Graduate will be effective on July 14, 2025 as the framework for education in public schools and would serve as guidance for the Department and education stakeholders in contemplation of future regulatory amendments.

Additional guidance will be available consistent with the timeline presented in the NY Inspires Plan, presented by Department staff in November 2024.

### **Related Regents Items**

March 2025: [Proposed Amendment of Sections 100.5\(a\) and \(b\) and 100.4\(d\) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Exemptions from Diploma Assessment Requirements for Major Life Events](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/325p12a2.pdf)  
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/325p12a2.pdf>)

November 2024: [NY Inspires: A Plan to Transform Education in New York State](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20Graduation%20Measures%20Update.pdf)  
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20Graduation%20Measures%20Update.pdf>)

June 2024: [New York State Graduation Measures Initiative: A Transformational Vision](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative%20-%20.pdf)  
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative%20-%20.pdf>)

May 2024: [New York State Graduation Measures Initiative: Board of Regents Update](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative_0.pdf)  
([https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative\\_0.pdf](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative_0.pdf))

November 2023: [New York State Graduation Measures Initiative: Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative.pdf)  
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/FB%20Monday%20-%20New%20York%20State%20Graduation%20Measures%20Initiative.pdf>)

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the New York State Portrait of a Graduate, as presented by Department staff on Monday, July 14, 2025, is adopted as the framework for New York State's P-20 education system.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

It is anticipated that the proposed adoption of the New York State Portrait of a Graduate as presented by Department staff would become effective on July 14, 2025 as the framework for education in public schools and would serve as guidance for the Department and education stakeholders in contemplation of future regulatory amendments.