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# Statewide Plan for Higher Education Update

January 8, 2024

Board of Regents Meeting

Higher Education Committee

# Statewide Plan for Higher Education

In January 2024, the Department will launch the planning process to develop the 2026-2034 Statewide Plan for Higher Education.

The Statewide Plan will include information from the master plans submitted by the following four sectors:

- SUNY;
- CUNY;
- Independent colleges and universities; and
- Proprietary colleges and universities.

# Advisory Council on Higher Education

An Advisory Council on Higher Education will advise the Department and Board of Regents. The Council will include the:

- SUNY Chancellor;
- CUNY Chancellor;
- Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities President;
- Association of Private Colleges President;
- Nominees from each sector who are identified by the individuals above; and
- Representatives from stakeholder groups with an interest in higher education.

# Statewide Planning Process

Master planning for higher education in New York State will:

- Define and differentiate missions and objectives of institutions of higher education;
- Identify needs, problems, societal conditions, and interests of New Yorkers;
- Develop programs to meet those needs;
- Include sufficient detail to allow planners, stakeholders, and citizens to evaluate needs, objectives, program proposals, priorities, costs and results of higher education; and
- Optimize use of resources and evaluate program effectiveness.

# Sector Master Plans

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Each sector will develop a master plan that will address:

- Plans for new curricula;
- New facilities and overall expenditure projections of capital and operating costs;
- Changes in student admission policies and projected student enrollment; and
- Relationships to other colleges and universities within the State.

# Focus Areas

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The Advisory Council will be asked to focus on the following five topics as part of the master planning process:

- Engaging in collaborative, mutually beneficial partnerships with the P-12 community to strengthen the P-20 system;
- Ensuring equity, diversity, and inclusion in the P-20 system, including students in the educator and licensed profession career tracks;
- Improving accessibility, student support services, and academic outcomes;
- Preparing students for current and future needs of communities, society, and the workforce; and
- Transforming operations, structures, and programs in response to the evolving higher education landscape and student profiles and demographics.

# Timeline – Statewide Plan

Date	Activity
January 2024	Present an overview of the statewide planning process to the Board of Regents, including the timeline and draft topics that sectors would address in their master plans.
Spring 2024	Form the Advisory Council that will provide feedback to the Department throughout the statewide planning process.
Summer/Fall 2024	Hold an Advisory Council meeting to discuss the draft topics. Collect stakeholder input on the draft topics. Present this feedback to the Board of Regents.
Spring 2025	Present the SED draft sections of the Statewide Plan at a Board of Regents meeting. Hold Advisory Council meetings to discuss draft sections of the Statewide Plan.

# Timeline – Statewide Plan

Date	Activity
April 2025	Deadline for Sector Master Plans
Summer 2025	Hold Advisory Council meetings to discuss the draft of the Statewide Plan with sector master plans included.
Fall 2025	Present the draft Statewide Plan, with the sector master plan information, at a Board of Regents meeting.
Winter 2025	Hold public hearings on the draft Statewide Plan.
Spring 2026	Higher Education Board of Regents committee reviews draft plan. Hold an Advisory Council meeting to review draft plan.
Fall 2026	Present the final Statewide Plan to the Board of Regents for approval. Submit the Statewide Plan to the Governor and Legislature.



Questions?



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