



# UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Regents Research Fund

## Performance Assessment Networks Pilot

**Update to the Board of Regents, March 2022** 

# Presentation Roadmap

### Purpose & Focus

- Performance-based assessments and promising models
- Key elements of the PAN pilot

### Research Design

- CUNY Distinguished Professor Michelle Fine
- Research to complement Graduation Measures Initiative

### Phases of Work

- Design with input from Advisory Panel and workgroups
- Implementation

### **Next Steps**

- Convene Advisory Panel and workgroups
- Return with proposed pilot regulations



# **Exploring Performance-Based Assessments**

with a focus on equity, excellence, and outcomes

Student generates and actively participates in performance-based task aligned with New York State Learning Standards

Performance demonstrates student understanding of content, evaluated by educators, parents, and community stakeholders

Educators provide support and gain deeper insight into student understanding of content through their performance

Deeper insight better enables teachers to modify lessons to improve student learning



Purpose: To explore the potential for New York's educational assessment system to be reimagined in a way that purposefully fosters high-quality instructional opportunities, provides authentic measures of deeper learning, and better prepares students for college and the workplace.

Mentor schools, experienced in performancebased Diverse pilot approaches Multiple school networks measures -> in different Regents diploma regions PAN Pilot **Professional Expert advice on** learning pilot design



## Potential Models

Over the past several months, Department staff have met with representatives from:

International Baccalaureate

High-Quality Career and Technical Education Networks

Big Picture Learning, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Here to Here, Internationals Network, and Urban Assembly

New York Performance Standards Consortium





# Dr. Michelle Fine

#### **PAN Pilot Research Lead**

Distinguished Professor of Critical Psychology, Women's Studies, Social Welfare, American Studies, and Urban Education at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center and founding faculty member of The Public Science Project, as well as Professor Extraordinarius at the University of South Africa Psychology Department, 2021-2024.

EDUCATION Ph.D., Columbia University

# Research Design

In support of the Grad Measures initiative, the PAN pilot will look at how performance-based assessment approaches can be implemented in a diverse range of schools – urban & rural, large & small, with different student demographics; and how to support schools in making that transition.





## Levels of Research



#### State

Pilot roll-out: Stakeholder engagement and support; diversity, equity, and inclusion commitments



#### **School**

Institutional transformations: Shifts in teaching, learning, equity, culturally-responsive pedagogy, community engagement, social-emotional learning, and student voice



#### Student

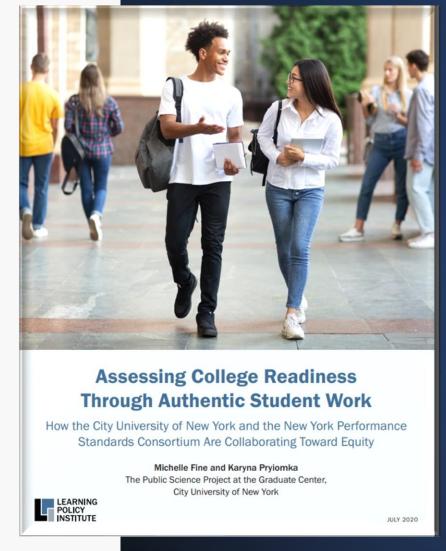
Post-graduate outcomes and predictive validity: A statistically rigorous longitudinal analysis of "performance-based graduates"



## CUNY Graduate Center: New York Performance Standards Consortium Study

Consortium students "begin high school more educationally and economically disadvantaged than their peers and yet are more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, and persist in college."

https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/assessing-college-readiness-authentic-student-work-report







# Dr. Debra R. Lamb

#### PAN Pilot Program Manager, Regents Research Fund

Former New York City Department of Education Assistant Superintendent / Senior Director of Student Support Services & Community Partnerships in the Office of the First Deputy Chancellor, with 25 years of service at the central, district, network, and school levels, in addition to 14 years of non-profit organization experience.

#### **EDUCATION**

Ed.D., St. John Fisher College; XMPA, Baruch College/CUNY

## PAN Pilot: Phases of Work

Fall 2021 - Fall 2022

#### **Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**

2027

#### Planning

- Funding received from Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Convene experts to advise on pilot design
- Publicize pilot opportunity
- Propose pilot regulations to award Regents diploma based on multiple measures

#### Launch

- Stand up pilot program with schools that have demonstrated sufficient readiness
- Secure additional funding to sustain pilot

#### Full Implementation

2023 - 2026

- Fully implement performance-based approaches in participating schools
- Allow cohorts of students to earn a Regents diploma based on multiple measures

#### Findings/Recommendations

 Evaluation team will publish final report, including policy recommendations

Department staff will receive annual memos from the CUNY research team on the 3 levels of research: (1) pilot roll-out, (2) pilot school progress, and (3) ongoing tracking of performance-based graduates.



# PAN Pilot Advisory Panel & Workgroups

#### **Advisory Panel** will:

- reflect the diversity of New York State's schools and stakeholders
- include a select few national experts on equity and accountability
- commit to full duration of PAN Pilot
- make recommendations on pilot design and implementation



Application Process & School Readiness Criteria



**Pilot Regulations** 



**Professional Learning** 



**Network Design** 



Onboarding & Implementation



Evaluation Plan & Success Measures

Time-limited workgroups with specific expertise will also be convened as needed, to inform Advisory Panel recommendations



# Culturally Responsive Local Implementation

Local stakeholder committees will help shape performance-based assessments ...

... and implement transparent processes

... that reflect and extend local community assets, cultures, & commitments





## Visit our website ...

http://www.nysed.gov/pan-pilot

- Advisory Panel nomination form
- Listserv signup
- Email to submit questions for pilot FAQ (in development)

#### Performance Assessment Networks (PAN) Pilot

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**Project Description** 



Advisory Panel & Workgroups



Pilot Network Models



Resources & Guidance





# Next Steps

In 2022...

Convene Advisory Panel

**Host Informational Sessions** 

Propose Pilot Regulations

Select Pilot Schools



# Thank you!

# Questions?

