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**Proposed Amendment to  
Commissioner's Regulations  
§100.19: Community School Grants**

**Submitted for Adoption as  
Emergency Rule: July 11, 2016**

# 2016-2017 budget appropriation bill (Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2016)

- **\$75,000,000 appropriation:**
  - \$50,000,000 for operating costs
  - \$25,000,000 for capital costs
- **Purpose:** to establish community school grants for eligible school districts with schools designated as either Struggling Schools (SS) or Persistently Struggling Schools (PSS) by the Commissioner (Ed Law §211-f(1)(a) or (b)) throughout the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Funding:** One year (2016-2017) to support 73 SS or PSS within 12 school districts.
- **Access to funds:** Eligible school districts apply to the Commissioner for Community School Grants to Transform SS and PSS into community hubs to deliver services to students and families.

**All applications are required to include detailed plans and timelines to ensure substantial parent, teacher, and community engagement in the planning, implementation, and operations of the community school including, but not limited to these examples:**

### **Operational Cost Examples**

- Provide a community school site coordinator
- Improve parent engagement
- Provide early childhood education programs
- Conduct community-wide needs assessment
- Create a steering committee

### **Capital Cost Examples**

- Construct or renovate spaces within SS or PSS buildings to serve as:
  - Health/guidance suites
  - Resource/remedial rooms
  - Adult education spaces
  - Parent/community rooms
  - CTE classrooms
- Other necessary costs to implement a community school

# 12 Eligible Districts: 73 Persistently Struggling and Struggling Schools

District	Number of Schools
Albany	2
Buffalo	15
Hempstead	2
Mount Vernon	1
New York City	27
Poughkeepsie	1
Rochester	10
Schenectady	1
Syracuse	9
Troy	1
Wyandanch	1
Yonkers	3

# Next Steps

- Board of Regents acts on proposed amendment as emergency rule.
- NYSED submits Community Schools Grant Expenditure Plan to Division of Budget for approval.
- Division of Budget acts on Expenditure Plan.
- NYSED releases Community Schools Grant Guidance and Application to eligible school districts.
- Eligible school districts submit applications to NYSED.
- NYSED approves applications and budgets.
- NYSED makes funds available to eligible school districts.
- Board of Regents acts to adopt proposed amendment as permanent rule.