



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
Acting in their Capacity as Trustees of The University of
the State of New York

FROM: Valerie Grey, Fiscal Agent *Valerie Grey*

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$2,335,640, two-year grant from the
Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust (the
"Trust")

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AUTHORIZATION(S): *J. B. Helmsley*

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$2,335,640 two-year grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Trust. Through its education program, the Trust seeks to support high-quality teaching and learning in schools to close persistent achievement gaps, to address the tremendous diversity in students' learning and language ability, and to advance educational outcomes community-wide.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Trust is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program's work to increase awareness and understanding of the Common Core standards within New York State among key parties including teachers, educators, families and communities. This critical support will enable identification and retention of Regents Research Fellows and consultants who will be responsible for advising the Board of Regents and State Education Department on outreach and communication in this area, and will support implementation of critical communications strategies that advance the goals of the Board of Regents and Department.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accept the sum of \$2,335,640 from the Trust to support the communications project described above.