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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools
Leaders of Charter Schools

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SUBJECT: New Tentative Dates for the January 2021, June 2021, and August 2021 Regents Examination Periods

At this time, the primary focus of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the Board of Regents is to guide schools and school districts across the State in planning for the safe and orderly return to schools in September. Like all of you, we believe that the physical and mental health, safety, and well-being of the children and adults in our schools are paramount.

As the start of the school year gets underway, the NYSED will be mindful of the many uncertainties faced statewide. We will continuously monitor the situation and provide updated guidance, policies, and regulatory changes as the situation requires. This will include closely monitoring the feasibility and fairness of administering the January, June, and August 2021 Regents Examinations. At this time, no final decision regarding the 2021 Regents Examination administrations has been made.

Keeping this in mind, the new tentative dates for the January, June, and August 2021 Regents Examination periods are being provided at this time to assist schools and districts with developing their local school calendars for the 2020-21 school year. We very much appreciate all the input from superintendents and other school and district leaders that enabled us to arrive at these dates.

Provided that it is deemed safe for the Regents Examinations to be administered in school buildings across the State at these times, the examination periods will be scheduled as follows:

Dates for the January 2021 Regents Examination period:

Tuesday, January 26 through Friday, January 29

Dates for the June 2021 Regents Examination period:

Wednesday, June 2* (the first administration of the new Regents Examination in U.S. History and Government has been rescheduled for 2021)

Tuesday, June 15 through Friday, June 25. No State examinations will be administered on Friday, June 18 to allow for the weekday observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Friday, June 25 will be a Rating Day; no State examinations will be administered on this date.

Dates for the August 2021 Regents Examination period:

Thursday, August 12 and Friday, August 13

*Administration of this examination takes place on the second day of the month to allow time for score collection and standard setting in order to post the conversion chart by June 25.