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EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the OHE website.

BOARD OF REGENTS NOVEMBER ITEMS

Definition of University. The Department presented the Board of Regents with information on the definition of "university" in the Commissioner's Regulations in response to requests from the field to revise the definition. "University" currently means a higher educational institution offering a range of registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences, degrees in two or more professional fields, and doctoral programs in at least three academic fields according to the Commissioner's regulations. The presentation provides details about the issues and potential options to consider for the definition.

NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS (NYSTCE) TEST DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Safety Net for the Arts Content Specialty Tests. The revised Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) in Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts became operational on November 9, 2020. The Safety Net CSTs in these subject areas also became operational and will be available through November 8, 2021, when the safety net ends. The test frameworks for the revised arts CSTs are available on the NYSTCE website to assist candidates and teacher preparation programs.

Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment. It is anticipated that the Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment will become operational in April 2021. The Department also presented a proposed regulatory amendment to create a safety net for the assessment. The assessment framework is available on the NYSTCE website to assist candidates and school building leader preparation programs.

After this assessment becomes operational, individuals can fulfill the School Building Leader Assessment requirement for certification by passing: 1) Part One of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment, and 2) Part Two of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment.

EDUCATOR DIVERSITY REPORT WEBINAR HOSTED BY NYSATE/NYACTE

Last winter, amid growing recognition of the value of diversity in New York State's educator workforce, the New York State Education Department published an *Educator Diversity Report* that provides an overview of teacher diversity throughout the state. The report advances the issue by compiling relevant data, analysis, and resources and identifying promising next steps toward a more diverse workforce and a more equitable education system. Assistant Commissioner Anael Alston and Chief of Staff Allison Armour-Garb will present highlights from the report's findings and recommendations during a webinar hosted by New York State Association of Teacher Educators (NYSATE)/ New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NYACTE). Click here to register for the webinar.

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