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Governor Cuomo Approves SUNY-NY 2020 Applications for Stony Brook and Buffalo

In August, Governor Cuomo signed the [NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program](#) to assist public universities in New York to expand their roles as catalysts for regionally focused economic development while maintaining and improving academic quality. The NY-SUNY 2020 law also created a rational tuition plan for SUNY and CUNY. The Challenge Grant portion authorized the four University Centers at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook to submit applications for additional project funding.

Last week Governor Cuomo traveled to both Stony Brook and Buffalo to approve their applications.

According to the Governor's press release, [Stony Brook University's](#) plan allows for the building of a first-class medical research building, hiring additional faculty and staff, while creating thousands of jobs for Long Island.

The [University of Buffalo's](#) plan includes relocating the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, and creating over 3,000 jobs.

NYSED Press Release

"165 New York teachers earn the 'gold standard' certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards"

Special Session Brings MTA Payroll Tax Relief to Schools & Creates Jobs for Inner City Youth

Earlier this month, the Legislature came to Albany for a special legislative session after Governor Cuomo and the legislative leaders announced a three-way agreement to create jobs for New Yorkers and provide tax cuts for the middle class. A bill was passed and signed into law that contained many different components including revisions to the MTA payroll tax to exempt "any eligible educational institution," from payment of the MTA payroll tax. Eligible educational institutions include: any public school district; BOCES; public elementary or secondary school; schools approved pursuant to Education Law Article 85 or 89 to serve students of school age with disabilities; and nonpublic elementary or secondary schools that provide instruction in grade one or above.

The law also created the [New York Youth Works Tax Credit Program](#) which provides up to \$25 million in tax incentives to employers who hire inner city youth. Preference may be given to employers in demand occupations or industries such as clean energy, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and conservation. Eligible youth include: persons between the ages of 16 and 24; residing in a city of 62,000 persons or more, or a town of 480,000 or more; who is low-income or at-risk; and who is unemployed prior to being hired by the qualified employer.

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NYSED Announces Grades 3-8 Assessment Guidelines

In 2010, the Board of Regents “right-sized” the assessment system for students in grades 3 through 8 in order to gain a more accurate and complete picture of student assessments. With a multi-year implementation schedule, 2012’s assessments will be one year further along in accomplishing an accurate portrayal of how students are doing.

According to the [press release](#), “... aside from the first day ELA assessment which is estimated to be approximately 70 minutes long with a midway break, all other assessments will be developed with a 45 to 60 minute anticipated completion time for typical general education students.” Both the ELA and Math assessments will be spread over a three day period to account for the added length of the exams.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Group Meeting

The New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group met on December 13th (click [here](#) for the agenda). Winners of the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Reduction Planning Grants- Syracuse, Rochester, and New York presented their findings of extreme disproportionality, and provided recommendations to the group.

Terry Salo presented data comparing trends in juvenile justice from 2010 to 2011 in New York as recorded from the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI). His presentation can be found [here](#).

The Advisory Group was heading to their planning retreat to discuss issues of focus and concern for the next three years.

Board of Regents Highlights

- Regents Approve the 2012-13 [State Aid Proposal](#)
- Regents Approve the 2012 [Regulatory Agenda](#)
- Regents Approve [TAP Regulations](#)
- NSYED to Release Draft RFP to Establish Charter Schools ([press release](#))
- Discussion on [New York State’s Next Generation Accountability System](#)
- Discussion on Raising the [Academic Achievement of English Language Learners](#)

Mandate Relief Relating to Special Education Requirements

The New York State Education Department sent a [notice](#) to interested parties that mandate relief recommendations for special education will be published in the NYS Register in early January, with a 45 day public comment period to follow. This issue has been a hot topic at the [November](#) and [December](#) Board of Regents meetings. Recommendations include changing preschool evaluations and reevaluations, and reporting.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR

“To examine alternative project delivery methods.”

Senator LaValle’s bill S.3035 will be discussed. This bill authorizes the use of an alternative project delivery method for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or improvement of a state building.

Hearing held by the Senate Standing Committee on Higher Education, Chair Senator Kenneth LaValle

January 9th, 2012 from 12:00-2:00 PM

Van Buren Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY

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Nine States Awarded Early Learning Challenge Grant - New York Not Among the Winners

Last week the U.S.D.O.E. announced nine winners of the Early Learning Challenge Grant- California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington. Each state will receive a portion of the \$500 million grant based on their plans submitted to the department for increased access to high-quality early learning and development programs for children. New York came in 23rd place out of 37 applicants. In a [press release](#) from the U.S.D.O.E., President Obama stated, "... today, we're acting to strengthen early childhood education to better prepare our youngest children for success in school and in life."

NYSED Office of the Professions State Boards of the Profession

The following Boards met at the beginning of December:

- [Landscape Architecture](#)– December 7
- [Interior Design](#)– December 9
- [Respiratory Therapy](#)– December 13
- [Psychology](#)– December 16

The following Boards are scheduled to meet in January:

- [Nursing](#)– January 5
- Public Accountancy– January 18
- Podiatry– January 26

DATES OF INTEREST in 2012

January 4	Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address
January 9 & 10	NYS Board of Regents

NEW YORK STATE REGISTER

EDUCATION

Proposed Regulations/45 Day Comment Period

- Tuition Assistance Program *SED* [December 14, 2011](#)

Notice of Adoption

- Waiver of Corporate Professional Practice Restrictions for Certain Mental Health Professions *SED* [December 7, 2011](#)

Emergency Rule Making

- Annual Professional Performance Reviews for Classroom Teachers and Building Principals *SED* [December 21, 2011](#)
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HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed Regulations/45 Day Comment Period

- Repeal of 14 NYCRR Parts 1010, 1020, 1035, 1060 and 1061 OASAS [December 21, 2011](#)
- Chemical Dependence Programs for Youth; Additional Locations Operated by OASAS Certified Providers OASAS [December 21, 2011](#)
- Repeal of 14 NYCRR Parts 303, 306, 340, 342, 366, 369, 372, 374, 375, 380 and 381 OASAS [December 21, 2011](#)

Notice of Adoption

- Probation Management *DCJS* [December 7, 2011](#)
- Probation State Aid Block Grant Funding *DCJS* [December 14, 2011](#)
- Interstate and Intrastate Transfer of Probation Supervision for Adults and *Juveniles DCJS* [December 14, 2011](#)

NYSED Staffing Update

Ms. Candace Shyer will serving as Acting Executive Director of the Office of Assessments. Ms. Shyer is temporarily assuming the responsibilities of David Abrams who recently departed NYSED.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2012-2015 [School District Performance Improvement](#) Competitive Grant Program. This program provides grants to public school districts that have demonstrated the most success in increasing student performance, narrowing the achievement gap, and increasing academic performance among students with the greatest educational needs. Preference will be given to those who submit a high quality plan that shows the most promise of building upon this success. *Deadline extended to February 10, 2012*

NYSED is seeking proposals for the [Longitudinal Data System Training Institute and Technical Assistance Center](#) to provide training and assistance to District Data Coordinators and Level 1 Regional Data Centers in support of NSYED's collection and reporting of enrollment, assessment, State and No Child Left Behind accountability, career and technical education, graduation rate, post-graduation plans, teacher/principal evaluation, and school staff data for school districts, public schools, charter schools, and nonpublic schools in New York State (except New York City and Yonkers). Eligible applicants include: not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, private college or universities, BOCES, or municipalities. *Due February 6, 2012*

NYSED is seeking proposals for [Effective Teacher and Principal Practice Video Production](#) to create a video resource library that will serve as a professional development resource for educators across the State. Eligible applicants may include but are not limited to: not-for-profit and for-profit organizations and companies or agencies with demonstrated experience in creating, filming, and producing high-quality short films. *Due January 30, 2012*

2012-2014 [State Adult Literacy and Basic Adult Education](#) Application. Eligible Applicants include: literacy volunteer agencies, libraries, institutions of higher education, educational opportunity centers, not-for-profit organizations and consortia of the above organizations. *Due January 27, 2012*

[Teacher and Principal Evaluation: Qualifications for Student Assessments to Be Used by New York State Districts for a Portion of Teachers' and Principals' Evaluations](#). Through this RFQ, New York seeks to build a pre-approved List of 3rd-party-developed assessments for all grades (K-12) and subjects that meet the State's technical criteria and are consistent with Commissioner's regulations for locally-selected measures of student achievement or growth. Eligible applicants include private for-profit companies, including but not limited to test publishers and research organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and BOCES. *Due January 23, 2012*

[Curriculum Modules and Statewide Professional Development for New York State English Language Arts & Literacy and Mathematics](#). *Deadline was extended to January 17, 2012*

The New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities is preparing a solicitation for six independent contractors who will coordinate the [National Core Indicators \(NCI\) project](#) in defined regions of the state. NCI is a set of performance indicators used to measure outcomes for state developmental disability systems. Eligible applicants will have a minimum of an associate's degree and experience managing data collection for a social science research project or a program evaluation. Click here for [Rochester](#), [Manhattan](#), [Albany](#), [Hudson Valley](#), [Queens](#), or [Syracuse](#). *Due January 6, 2012*

2011-12 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for [Supplemental Educational Services \(SES\) Providers](#). Eligible applicants include: community based organizations, charter schools, private schools, libraries, private companies, institutions of higher education, family literacy programs, BOCES, and faith-based organizations. *Due December 30, 2011*

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

NYSED issued a RFI to solicit data from vendors of educational online e learning tools that could be used to screen candidates for readiness to the GED test and remediate any skills gaps identified in this readiness screen. For a copy of the RFI for the **Online GED Test Readiness Assessment and Skill Building Tool**, please send your request to rfi11001@mail.nysed.gov. *Due January 20, 2012*

OPWDD issued a RFI to gather public input regarding the developmental disability system reforms recommended by the [People First 115 Demonstration Waiver](#) design teams and summarized within OPWDD's 2011-2015 Statewide Comprehensive Plan. *Due December 27, 2011*

PENDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

NYSED will be issuing a request for proposals for [State Student Assessments for Science in Grades 4 and 6-8 and Social Studies in Grades 6-8](#) in late 2011. NYSED will evaluate proposals on their alignment with the requirements established in the forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP).