

April 2011 Board of Regents Information

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<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2011Meetings/April2011/411monthmat.html>

Meeting Summary:

Commissioner Steiner and Sr. deputy King reported on reform agenda progress:

Standards: Common Core Standards model units are ready and will be available in 2011-12 with assessments in 2012-13 (State Developed). PARC consortium assessments (National) will follow in 2014-15.

Data Systems: The first step will be to develop capacity for electronic transcripts followed by links to course catalogs supporting transcripts.

Teachers/Leaders: A Blue Ribbon panel is ready to recommend institutions to provide clinically rich prep programs. SED also working on teacher prep assessment based on videotape.

For more information, see the [Regents Reform Agenda Update](#).

Chancellor Tisch asked about progress on the PARC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) consortium. 26 states are working on national assessments with New York in a lead role. It is working on four assessments each for Math and ELA. Three are authentic formative assessments and two are end of year summative. The consortium is viewing three models at different price levels but time and cost are now becoming a concern. Also of concern to the Regents is overuse of New York resources to develop national programs and the potential that National initiatives may erode power of New York Regents. Mrs. Tisch explained that since the federal government will tie dollars to use of national tools, New York must be at the table. There are reports that the Obama administration is discussing the possibility of every other year testing which will raise questions of teacher assessment that will use student performance data.

The Commissioner stated that ESEA must be reauthorized by August. The Senate is prepared to do this as a package. The House wants to do this piece by piece. A concern is that the federal government is building a full blown curriculum around common core standards and that what New York is doing in this area may prove duplicative.

Mandate Relief:

The Regents had many discussions in committee related to the proposed list of mandate relief. For the full document go to:

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2011Meetings/April2011/411p12saa1.pdf>

NYS PTA is looking hard at this list including especially:

- The proposal to eliminate the requirement of Shared Decision-Making Teams. This item was removed from the list after Assoc. Commissioner Chuck Szuberla indicated that he and others had received enough feedback from parents because these teams are a prime opportunity for parents to participate in setting district plans and priorities.
- The proposal to eliminate the extra parent and psychologist from the CSE composition.
- Current rules ask parents of pre-school kids being considered by CPSE to select evaluators from a list. The proposal is to ask the school district to evaluate or select evaluator. Current initial evaluation requires multiple components including a physical and psychological evaluation. The proposal is to provide flexibility by limiting evaluations to only those related to the disability.
- Proposal to eliminate the parent handbook. This proposal was removed following parent objection.

Regents Task Force on Teacher and Principal Effectiveness

The Regents Advisory Task Force on Teacher and Principal Effectiveness submitted to the Board of Regents a comprehensive report containing recommendations for implementing a teacher and principal performance evaluation system in New York State. The Regents reviewed and discussed these recommendations at its April meeting and is expected to adopt implementing regulation prior to July 1, 2011. The sixty-three member Task Force – composed of teachers, principals, superintendents, school board representatives and school district and BOCES officials (no parents), has been meeting since September 2010. For more information, please review the following:

- [Report of the Regents Task Force on Teacher and Principal Effectiveness](#)
- [Briefing for the Board of Regents on Proposed SED Actions](#)
- [New York State Teacher and Principal Evaluation SED Recommendations](#)
- [April 4 Press Release announcing the Task Force Report](#)

Potential Revisions of High School Graduation Requirements

The Regents continued discussions on potential revisions of high school graduation requirements. Items presented at the meeting will be discussed in more detail at the May 2011 meeting. No action was taken on any of the submitted items.