

September 2010 Board of Regents Information

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For a complete listing of the reports and materials for the September Board of Regents Meeting, go to:

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2010Meetings/September2010/0910monthmat.html>

These materials include the slides from Commissioner Steiner's presentation on the Race to the Top Grants.

Race to the Top: <http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/>

- Commissioner Steiner gave a presentation breaking down the scoring for the Race to the Top evaluation showing how New York did on each section. His presentation is on the NYSED web site at:
<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2010Meetings/September2010/0910RTTTpresentation.pdf>
- Modifying the number of Charter Schools allowed in NY, changing the teacher evaluation process to include student achievement, support of the RTTT application from local school districts, and cooperation of NYSED, the legislature, and NYSUT all contributed to New York's success in Round 2.
- Approximately 70% of the funds will go to BOCES and school districts to implement changes. 30% will go to NYSED for development of enhanced data systems, new standards (Common Core), and assessments. New York State has also committed \$20M to new data systems development.
- Approximately 29 new staff will be added to NYSED to help implement the planned changes in four reform areas:
 - Internal standards
 - Data Systems
 - Recruitment, development and retention of effective teachers and administrators
 - Turning around the lowest performing schools

NYSED Fiscal Report

- There is still a shortfall for funding of the teacher tenure hearings
- There is still a shortfall in the budget for statewide assessments
- There is a possibility of reduced funding (mid-year) for school districts. More information on this will be provided in October

Federal Education Jobs Bill

- NYS has not yet determined how these funds will be distributed to local school districts

Teacher of the Year (TOTY)

- The Regents recognized the 2010 Teacher of the Year, Debra Calvino and also the 2011 Teacher of the Year, Jeff Peneston. NYS PTA is on the selection committee for this award. *After the Regents meeting, Executive Administrator Rick Longhurst presented both winners with gifts from NYS PTA.*

Other

- The Regents discussed proposed revisions to the adolescence level teacher certification structure for students with disabilities to ensure an adequate supply of such teachers and to ensure that they are prepared to collaboratively teach multiple subjects.
- The Regents discussed whether or not to endorse the development of regulations to allow college faculty with advanced content area study in STEM content, and experience teaching in their content areas at the college level to become certified to teach in the public schools of New York State through a streamlined process.