

June 2011 Board of Regents Report

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Meeting Summary:

Regents Initiatives

- There was much discussion of the activities related to the Regents initiatives, especially on the progress of the implementation of the regional teams and the development and sharing of best practices.
- CCSS - There is a lot of information on the NYSED web site related to the Common Core State Standards. Go to: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/common_core_standards/ for more information and replay of the CCSS webinar.
- APPR - On June 13th, there was a webinar on teacher and principal evaluation. Go to: <http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/webinar0611/> for the webinar and to <http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/fieldguidance/> for supporting documentation.

Fiscal

- There are still budget shortfalls in the teacher tenure hearings, Regents exams, and GED programs.
- SED is adjusting budgets to cover the 10% cut it received in overall funding from the State. Layoffs are a possibility.

The Board of Regents also discussed and considered policy questions for several other issues:

- **Dignity for All Students Act Program Update**

The Regents received an update on the Dignity for All Students Act for which implementation will begin on July 1, 2012. A Dignity for All Students Task Force has been established and has been involved with SED staff on the development of proposed amendments to regulations to be presented at a future meeting. SED staff will work collaboratively with the Dignity for All Students Act Task Force and other stakeholders to continue the work to implement the provisions of the Dignity Act.

- **Public Hearings on the Proposed Mandate Relief – Special Education Areas**

Public hearing related to the proposals in the special education areas will be held at the end of June at the recommendation of the Regents at the May meeting. See <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/policy/mandaterelief-publichearing611.htm> for information on the proposals. Final comments are due to SED by July 25, 2011.

New Appointments at NYSED

- The Regents appointed John D'Agati as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education.
- The Regents appointed Sharon Cates-Williams as Deputy Commissioner for Performance Improvement and Management Services