

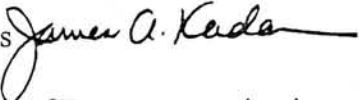


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TO: District Superintendents of Schools
Big 5 City School Superintendents

FROM: James A. Kadamus 

SUBJECT: Clarification on use of Regents examination score in final grade calculation.

One of the concerns that we have heard related to the Regents Physics examination is the effect of the Regents examination grade on the student's final average.

The State Education Department does not require or recommend that schools use Regents examination grades as part of the calculation of the student's final average. It is up to local districts to decide whether to use Regents examination grades as part of a student's final grade average. Districts are free to change their policy in this instance if they deem it appropriate.

Please share this with local superintendents and high school principals as quickly as possible.