SED Update

September 2017

Updated August 25, 2017 for OHM and OCM

**Changes to the New York State Procedural Safeguards Notice**

* A new memorandum dated **July 2017** advises districts of the need to ***immediately***begin using the revised procedural safeguards notice when providing a copy to parents. A PDF version of the notice is attached for your use until the link becomes available on the NYSED website. The **re-worded sections are highlighted on pages 26 and 27** and include alterations of language and timelines. The changes reflect the amendment of *Part 279 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education* relating to procedures concerning appeals of impartial hearing officer determinations for students with disabilities to a State Review Officer. A copy of the full text of the amendment may be found at  <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/916brca11.pdf>.

**New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)**

* A memo dated **June 2017,** *Birthdate Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2017-18 New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)*from the Office of State Assessment includes a chart to assist districts in determining the birthdate range for testing on NYSAA for the 2017-18 school year. The memo and chart can be found at: [Age Ranges for Students with Disabilities Participating in the 2017-18 New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysaa/2017-18/agerange-18.pdf). Please contact the **Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5900** if you have any questions. regarding the birthdate ranges for students participating in the NYSAA.
* A memo dated **August 9, 2017** provides an updated Elementary and Intermediate level testing administration schedule including NYSAA dates: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/schedules/2018/revised-elitestschedule1718.pdf> .
* Additional NYSAA support is available by contacting the Alternative Assessment Training Network specialist for your area at [2017-18 Alternate Assessment Training Network (AATN) Specialists List](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysaa/2017-18/aatn-18.pdf).
* The NYSAA home page is located at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysaa/home.html>.

**Expiring Initial and Professional Certificate Holders**

* The Office of Teaching Initiatives is notifying initial and provisional certificate holders that have one or more certificates expiring August 2017, with information regarding their next steps towards permanent or professional certification. In addition, they are posting to the NYSED Business Portal a list of certificate holders with expiring Initial and Provisional certificates along with a request for the respective District to contact the certificate holder directly and ask that they act now to avoid having their certification expire. You can access the Portal at: [https://portal.nysed.gov/abp.](https://portal.nysed.gov/abp)

**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING – JULY 17-18, 2017**

* The July Board of Regents meeting involved a Pathways to Graduation presentation including requirements for local, regents and regents with advanced designation diplomas. The accompanying power point is available here: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/718PathwaystoGraduation.pdf>.

**Office of Special Education (OSE) Listserv**

You can receive **notification** by electronic mail of the latest **memoranda and other technical assistance documents** available on the Special Education website.  <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/register.htm>

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