November 1, 2021

APPR Plan - Variance

Matthew Frahm, Superintendent
Clarence Central School District
9625 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031

Dear Superintendent Frahm:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan variance application meets the criteria outlined in section 30-3.16 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and has been approved. As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided in your variance application, including the narrative descriptions, certifications, and assurances that are included in the application. During the approved term of this variance, your LEA will implement the variance along with all other remaining provisions of your approved APPR plan. If any material changes are made to your approved plan and/or the terms of your approved variance, your LEA must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, the Department will be analyzing data supplied by districts, BOCES, and/or schools and may order a corrective action plan if there are unacceptably low correlation results between the Student Performance category and the Teacher Observation or Principal School Visits category, and/or if the teachers’ or principals’ overall ratings and subcomponent scores show little differentiation across educators and/or the lack of differentiation is not justified by equivalently consistent student achievement results, and/or if schools or districts show a pattern of anomalous results in the Student Performance category and/or the Observation/School Visits category.

The New York State Education Department and I look forward to continuing our work together, with the goal of ensuring that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class school leader to support their professional growth, and every student achieves success.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner

Attachment

c: Lynn Marie Fusco
NOTE:

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your APPR variance application have been reviewed and are considered as part of your approved APPR variance application; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your APPR variance application but are not incorporated by reference have not been reviewed. However, the Department reserves the right to review the uploaded attachments at any time for consistency with your APPR plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your APPR plan or variance and/or require corrective action.

Pursuant to section 30-3.16 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, please note that an LEA with an approved variance shall provide to the Department, upon its request, any documentation related to the implementation and efficacy of the approach proposed in the variance, including but not limited to: reports on the correlation in assigned ratings for different measures of the LEA’s evaluation system and differentiation among educators within each subcomponent and category of the evaluation system.

Your variance is approved for the 2021-22 school year. Because you requested this variance to address issues related to COVID-19, the approval of this variance for any future school years (up to a three school year period) is contingent on the continuation of the current COVID-19 pandemic notwithstanding your request for this variance to apply in future school years. Upon expiration of state-imposed restrictions or emergency measures related to the pandemic, or abatement of the pandemic, it is expected that your variance will no longer be required. As such, SED may withdraw its approval of this variance for any subsequent school years or may require a separate application or other documentation for continuation of the variance in future school years. Upon expiration of the approved term of your variance, you must implement the terms of your current APPR plan as approved by the Commissioner.
Educator Evaluation COVID-19 Variance (Education Law 3012-d)

For guidance related to the Educator Evaluation variance, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

At its October 2019 meeting, the Board of Regents amended sections 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents to allow LEAs to apply for a variance from Educator Evaluation plan requirements, while complying with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d.

This streamlined form is provided for a variance related only to the ongoing COVID crisis. Districts seeking approval of a variance for a “New and Innovative” Educator Evaluation plan should contact APPRVar@nysed.gov.

In instances where a variance is approved, the term(s) described in the approved variance will replace the related sections of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan. However, please note that all other terms as are present in the LEA’s currently approved plan will remain in effect and must be implemented without modification.

Once a variance is approved by the Department, it shall be considered part of the LEA’s Educator Evaluation plan during the approved term of the variance. In any instance in which there is an approved variance and such variance contains information that conflicts with the information provided in the approved Education Law §3012-d Educator Evaluation plan, the provisions of the approved variance will apply during the approved term of the variance.

Variance Application Timeline

Variance applications must be approved by the Department by December 1 of a school year to be implemented in that school year.

Submission by November 1 is suggested to allow time for review, revision and approval in order to meet the approval deadline for implementation in the same school year.

Absent a finding by the Commissioner of extraordinary circumstances, a variance application approved after December 1 of a school year will not be implemented until the following school year.

For more information regarding the variance approval deadline, including a possible extension, please contact APPRVar@nysed.gov.

Variance Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below

- Assure that the contents of this form are in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
- Assure that a detailed version of the LEA’s variance is kept on file and that a copy of such variance will be provided to the Department upon request for review of compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
- Assure that this variance will be posted on the LEA’s website, in addition to its current full Educator Evaluation plan, no later than September 10th of each school year, or within 10 days after the plan’s approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall occur later.
- Assure that it is understood that this LEA’s variance will be posted in its entirety on the NYSED website following approval.

Teacher Variance

Please check the appropriate box below.

- Assure that any task not included in the following variance request(s) for teachers will be carried out in the manner described in the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Principal Variance

Education Law §3012-d requires that the principal evaluation system be aligned to the requirements for teacher evaluation. Therefore, when completing a variance request for the evaluation of principals, the processes identified must be aligned to such requirements.

Please check the appropriate box below.

- A variance is not requested for any subcomponent or category for principals; all principals will be evaluated using the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.
Required Student Performance Subcomponent
For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the Optional subcomponent is selected.

Education Law §3012-d requires that each teacher have a Student Learning Objective (SLO) consistent with a goal-setting process based on appropriate growth targets. The process must include, at a minimum, the following elements:

- A description of the measure(s) of student growth to be used (e.g., the SLO goal setting process; SLO components),
- Applicable evidence of student learning (e.g., how growth will be measured through various forms of assessment, evaluation of student performance),
- A method for converting student results to a score on a scale from 0-20,
- A scale for conversion of the score of 0 to 20 to a HEDI rating.

This requirement must be met through either the LEA’s current Educator Evaluation plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan will apply.

Variance Request
LEAs may use this variance application to develop an SLO process for a teacher or group of teachers that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- [ ] A variance is not requested for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers.
- [ ] The details of the variance request for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers is described in the subsequent section.
Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to develop an optional second measure for a teacher or group of teachers that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- A variance is not requested for the optional student performance subcomponent for teachers.
Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to evaluate teacher practice in a manner that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations. Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- The details of the variance request for the teacher observation category is described in the subsequent section.
Applicable Teachers

Please indicate all teachers to whom this teacher observation variance request applies.

Core Teachers

Use the table below to list the core teachers this teacher observation variance request is applicable to (teachers of other courses should be listed in the subsequent section).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Courses</th>
<th>All Core Teachers in LEA</th>
<th>Common Branch / Uniform Departmentalized</th>
<th>ELA</th>
<th>Math</th>
<th>Science</th>
<th>Social Studies</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>All core teachers (K-3; 4-8 ELA, math, science, social studies; high school ELA and Regents courses, as applicable to LEA)</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Other Teachers

Teachers of other courses not included in this teacher observation variance request.
Teachers of other courses included in this teacher observation variance request are listed in the table below.

Fill in the following for all other teachers in additional grades/subjects that are included in this teacher observation variance request:

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(1) lowest grade</th>
<th>(2) highest grade</th>
<th>(3) subject</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>All Other Courses</td>
<td>K</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-3 Art</td>
<td>K</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grades 9-12 English Electives</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click "Add Row" to add additional courses. Only list additional courses if they are included in this teacher observation variance request.
Applicable Areas

A variance may be requested for the following components of the teacher observation subcomponent:

- Teacher practice rubric
- Rating and scoring of the teacher practice rubric
- Weighting of the domains/subcomponents of the teacher practice rubric
- HEDI scoring bands
- Weighting of the teacher observation subcomponents
- Required principal/supervisor and/or independent evaluator observations
- Optional peer observations

Please indicate the area(s) of the teacher observation subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.
- Teacher observation subcomponent weighting
- Required principal/supervisor and/or independent evaluator observations
Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

Please indicate the weight of each observation type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Principal/Administrator</th>
<th>Independent Evaluator(s)</th>
<th>Peer Observer(s)</th>
<th>Group for which this weighting will apply.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If the indicated weighting will be used for all teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section, note &quot;All Teachers.&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>All Teachers</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators

At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or another trained administrator.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method of observation, in the table below.

If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Minimum number of observations</th>
<th>Observation method (check all that apply)</th>
<th>Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Unannounced</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>(No Response)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Announced</td>
<td>Live</td>
<td>(No Response)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To which teachers does the information in the above table apply?

☑️ All teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section.
Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)

Independent Evaluator Assurances
Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the teacher(s) they are evaluating.
- Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the LEA.

Number and Method of Observation
Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below. At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.
If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Minimum number of observations</th>
<th>Observation method (check all that apply)</th>
<th>Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Unannounced</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A (No Response)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Announced</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A (No Response)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals:</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To which teachers does the information in the above table apply?

- All teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section.
Variance Details

Please read the questions below and answer each prompt in a concise manner.

Rationale
Please provide a rationale for this variance request.

> Your rationale should include information regarding the specific, identified COVID-related needs and/or challenges of the LEA, and how such needs and/or challenges inform development of the teacher observation variance request.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has required teachers to acquire new skills in order to be highly effective. The teachers are faced with the need to develop the tools to be successful in the classroom. The time during the workday is essential to their professional development. Administrators (lead evaluators) are working on safety protocols and addressing student health needs that allow them less time to conduct observations. We believe the combination of observing the current classroom structure with one observation and adding the portfolio/project will provide us with the information needed for the effective evaluation of our teaching staff. Utilizing a project focused on closing learning gaps or social-emotional learning is a more valuable experience than an additional observation in particular for the unique circumstances this year. It is important for administrators (lead evaluators) to use the time with their teachers as they develop the Professional Development Project to monitor and coach them during the professional development project process in the new teaching paradigm. This is more effective than an independent observer completing the second observation as the lead evaluator supervises the teacher on a daily basis. The professional development project must be approved by the building administrator (lead evaluator). This also addresses the safety concern of independent evaluators leaving their buildings during the pandemic. Meeting with the administrator will demonstrate the acquisition of new teaching strategies that can be immediately integrated into instruction.

Standards and Procedures
Please provide a description of the standards and procedures that will be used in lieu of those included in the LEA's most recently approved evaluation plan.

> This description should include a specific, detailed explanation of the approach that the LEA is seeking to implement as part of its variance request.

> This description should include, but not be limited to, a description of the alternate measures and/or evidence of teacher practice that will be used to evaluate educators.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clarence Central School District utilized a hybrid and remote model for learning in the 2020-21 school year. We now have evidence that we must attend to students’ learning gaps and social-emotional needs as a result of these learning structures. Therefore, the 2021-22 project scope is to foster and promote the staff member’s individual professional growth in closing learning gaps or social-emotional learning practices. Each project is designed for one year. The teacher or team of teachers will design a focus to help them develop lessons and strategies to close learning gaps or address social-emotional learning in their instruction.

The lead evaluator will complete both the observation and the project portfolio evaluations. The lead evaluator observation will be weighted at 90%, and the portfolio will replace the independent evaluator observation and be weighed at 10%. The professional development project must be approved by the building administrator (lead evaluator). The teacher or team will present to the building administrator. The plan will outline goals, resources, identify actions, and indicate needs for professional development that will enhance the skills of the teacher/s. They will put into practice the new learning during the current school year.

At the conclusion of the project, each teacher must meet with the building principal (lead evaluator) or designee for a conference to present a summary of the Professional Development Project. The project will contain artifacts such as assessment data, delineation of new strategies, listings of both hardware and software that enhanced instruction, student feedback, reflective journals, lesson plans, and attendance data. The conference will be scheduled any time after April 1, 2022. The Professional Development Project and the end-of-year conference will be evaluated using the Marzano Teacher Practice Rubric, and the score will be entered into the iObservation system. Replacing one observation with a professional development project will allow the lead evaluator to utilize additional elements of the Marzano Teacher Practice Rubric. Classroom observations focus on the nine design questions using the first 41 elements of the model. The professional development project’s addition will provide lead evaluators with instructional material that can be evaluated under domains 2, 3, and 4 of the model that uses the additional elements providing a more comprehensive picture of the teacher’s performance. The lead evaluator may use any element from the model. The elements scored will be equally weighted and produce an average score.

Observation Assurances
Please check each of the boxes below as applicable to all teachers included in this teacher observation variance request.

☑ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be consistent with the process described in the LEA's approved Educator Evaluation plan and/or this variance application and in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

☑ Assure that once all observations are complete, the process for determining an overall Teacher Observation category score and rating will incorporate the evidence collected across all observations to produce an overall Teacher Observation category rating on a HEDI scale.

☑ Assure that it is possible for a teacher to obtain any number of points in the applicable scoring ranges, including zero, in each subcomponent.
Category and Overall Ratings
For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Education Law §3012-d requires that each teacher be given a final score for both the Student Performance and Teacher Observation categories, which will be converted to a final category rating based on the HEDI scale, and that these ratings be used to provide an Overall Rating using the prescribed scoring matrix.

These requirements must be met through either the LEA’s current Educator Evaluation plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan will apply.

Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to define the HEDI ranges for the Student Performance and/or Teacher Observation category that is different than those included in the Commissioner’s regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- A variance is not requested for category ratings for teachers.
Additional Requirements for Teachers

For more information on the additional requirements for teachers, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Education Law §3012-d requires that a complete Educator Evaluation plan must include a process for teacher improvement plans, appeals, and evaluator training as determined by the Commissioner. The following minimum requirements under Education Law §3012-d are applicable to teachers:

- A form for development of a Teacher Improvement Plan,
- A timely and expeditious process for resolving educator’s appeals of Evaluation ratings,
- A process for training all evaluators of applicable educators.

These requirements must be met through either the LEA’s current Educator Evaluation plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan will apply.

Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to develop a process for Teacher Improvement Plans, appeals and/or training in a manner that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

Choose the appropriate response below.

- A variance is not requested for teacher improvement plans, appeals, or training.
- The details of the variance request applicable to teacher improvement plans, appeals, and/or training is described in the subsequent section.
Variance Details

Assurances: Rigor, Professional Learning, and Effectiveness of Implementation
Please check each of the boxes below as applicable to this variance application.

☑️ Assure that evaluations are rigorous and enable strong and equitable inferences about the effectiveness of the LEA's educators.
☑️ Assure the LEA will use the information collected through the evaluation system, including the assigned effectiveness ratings, to provide personalized professional learning opportunities for educators.
☑️ Assure that the LEA will assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the variance.

Applicability of Variance

Assurances
Prior to certifying this variance application, please check each of the boxes below.

☑️ Assure that this variance application is prompted by the impact of COVID-19 on the LEA.
☑️ Assure that when this 2021-22 COVID-19 variance expires on June 30, 2022, your currently approved Educator Evaluation plan will take effect.

Upload Educator Evaluation Variance Certification Form

Please Note: SED Monitoring timestamps each revision and signatures cannot be dated earlier than the last revision. To ensure the accuracy of the timestamp on each task, please submit from Task 12 only.

Please obtain the required signatures, create a PDF file, and upload your joint certification of the Educator Evaluation Variance using the "Variance Certification Form" found in the 'Documents' menu on the left side of the page.

2021 2022 Waiver.pdf
APPR VARIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, check the assurances, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Variance, Education Law §3012-d application.

Assurances: Please check the boxes below

- Assure that all information provided in this variance application is true and accurate as of the date that the variance application is submitted.
- Assure that once this application is approved by the Department, it shall be considered part of the LEA's approved APPR plan during the effective term of the variance.
- Assure that, upon a revocation or non-renewal of a variance application at the end of its effective term, the district shall implement its approved evaluation plan in its entirety and without modification, consistent with all requirements of Subpart 30-3.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and absent any terms of the variance.
- Assure that, where applicable, collective negotiations have been completed on all provisions of this variance application that are subject to collective bargaining.

Signatures, dates

Superintendent Signature: 

\[\text{Signature:} \quad \underline{10/25/2021}\]

Superintendent Name (print):

\[\text{Matthew Fahl}\]

Teachers Union President Signature:

\[\text{Signature:} \quad \underline{10/22/2021}\]

Teachers Union President Name (print):

\[\text{Elizabeth M. Dunne}\]

Administrative Union President Signature:

\[\text{Signature:} \quad \underline{10/26/2021}\]

Administrative Union President Name (print):

\[\text{Kenneth J. Smith}\]

Board of Education President Signature:

\[\text{Signature:} \quad \underline{10/25/21}\]

Board of Education President Name (print):

\[\text{Michael J. Groch}\]
Revised

August 1, 2016

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Superintendent
Clarence Central School District
9625 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031

Dear Superintendent Hicks:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan meets the criteria outlined in Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Commissioner’s Regulations and has been approved. As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided on your APPR form, including the certifications and assurances that are part of your approved APPR plan. If any material changes are made to your approved plan, your district/BOCES must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

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The New York State Education Department and I look forward to continuing our work together, with the goal of ensuring that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class principal to support his or her professional growth, and every student achieves college and career readiness.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

MaryEllen Elia
Commissioner

Attachment

C: Lynn Marie Fusco
NOTE:
Pursuant to sections 30-2.14 and 30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, your district/BOCES must calculate transition scores and ratings for teachers and principals that exclude the results of grades 3-8 ELA and math State assessments and any State-provided growth scores. For the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, your district/BOCES must establish alternate SLOs for affected teachers and principals who, as a result of the above exclusions, have no remaining measures in the Student Performance Category.

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your APPR have been reviewed and are considered as part of your APPR; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your APPR but are not incorporated by reference in your APPR have not been reviewed. However, the Department reserves the right to review the uploaded attachments at any time for consistency with your APPR plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your APPR plan and/or require corrective action.
Task 1) Disclaimers

For guidance related to Annual Professional Performance Review plans, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

The Department will review the contents of each school district's/BOCES' Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan as submitted using this online form, including required attachments, to determine if the plan rigorously complies with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Department approval does not imply endorsement of specific educational approaches in a district's/BOCES' plan.

The Department reserves the right to request further information from a district/BOCES to monitor compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. As such, each district/BOCES is required to keep detailed records on file for each section of the currently implemented APPR plan. Such detailed records must be provided to the Department upon request. The Department reserves the right to disapprove or require modification of a district's/BOCES' plan that does not rigorously adhere to the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The Department will not review any attachments other than those required in the online form. Any additional attachments supplied by the school district/BOCES are for informational purposes only for the teachers and principals reviewed under this APPR plan. Statements and/or materials in such additional attachments have not been approved and/or endorsed by the Department. However, the Department considers void any other signed agreements between and among parties in any form that prevent, conflict, or interfere with full implementation of the APPR plan approved by the Department. The Department also reserves the right to request further information from the school district/BOCES, as necessary, as part of its review of this plan.

If the Department reasonably believes through investigation, or otherwise, that statements made in this APPR plan are not true or accurate, it reserves the right to reject this plan at any time and/or to request additional information to determine the truth and/or accuracy of such statements.

1.1) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below

☑ Assure that the content of this form represents the district's/BOCES' entire APPR plan and that the APPR plan is in compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that a detailed version of the district's/BOCES' entire APPR plan is kept on file and that a copy of such plan will be provided to the Department upon request for review of compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that this APPR plan will be posted on the district/BOCES website no later than September 10th of each school year, or within 10 days after the plan's approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall later occur.

☑ Assure that it is understood that this district's/BOCES' APPR plan will be posted in its entirety on the NYSED website following approval.

1.2) Submission Status

Is this a first-time submission under Education Law §3012-d or the submission of material changes to an APPR plan approved pursuant to Education Law §3012-d?

First-time submission under Education Law §3012-d
Task 2) Original Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or at least 50% when used with the Optional subcomponent.

(A) For a teacher whose course ends in a State-created or administered test for which there is a State-provided growth model and at least 50% of a teacher’s students are covered under the State-provided growth measure, such teacher shall have a State-provided growth score based on such model.

(B) For a teacher whose course does not end in a State-created or administered test or where less than 50% of the teacher’s students are covered by a State-provided growth measure, such teacher shall have a Student Learning Objective (SLO) developed and approved by his/her superintendent or another trained administrator, using a form prescribed by the Commissioner, consistent with the SLO process determined or developed by the Commissioner, that results in a student growth score; provided that, for any teacher whose course ends in a State-created or administered assessment for which there is no State-provided growth model, such assessment must be used as the underlying assessment for such SLO.

2.1) Assurances

Please note: NYS Grades 3-8 ELA/Math Assessments and State-provided growth scores cannot be used for the purposes of providing transition scores and ratings during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, and should be used for advisory purposes only until the 2019-20 school year. Alternate SLOs to be used during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 transition period should be entered in Task 2 (Transition).

Please check the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that the growth score provided by NYSED will be used, where required.
- ☑ Assure that, starting in the 2019-20 school year, back-up SLOs will be set by the superintendent or another trained administrator for all 4-8 ELA and Math teachers in the event that a State-provided growth score cannot be generated for that teacher.
- ☑ For the 2019-20 school year and thereafter, for any grade/subject that requires a back-up SLO, but for which there are not enough students, not enough scores, or data issues that prevent a teacher-specific SLO from being created, the superintendent or another trained administrator shall develop a school-wide back-up SLO using available State/Regents assessments.
- ☑ Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the results of the NYS Grades 3-8 ELA/Math assessments and State-provided growth scores will continue to be used to calculate an original score and rating for advisory purposes only.

2.2) Grades 4-8 ELA and Math: Assessments (Original)

STATE-PROVIDED MEASURES OF STUDENT GROWTH

For teachers in grades 4 - 8 Common Branch, ELA, and Math, NYSED will provide a growth score and rating. That rating will incorporate students' academic history compared to similarly academically achieving students and takes into consideration students with disabilities, English language learners, students in poverty, and, in the future, any other student-, classroom-, and school-level characteristics approved by the Board of Regents. While most teachers of 4-8 Common Branch, ELA and Math will have State-provided scores and ratings, some may teach other courses where there is no State-provided growth measure. Teachers with 50 – 100% of students covered by State-provided growth measures will receive a growth score and rating from the State for the full Student Performance category of their evaluation. Teachers with 0 – 49% of students covered by State-provided growth measures must have SLOs for the Student Performance category of their evaluation and one SLO must use the State-provided measure if applicable for any courses. (See APPR Guidance and SLO Guidance for more detail on teachers with State-provided growth measures and SLOs.)

For the 2019-20 school year and thereafter, for those teachers who would typically receive a State-provided growth score, the district/BOCES must also include a back-up SLO in the event that there are not enough students, not enough scores, or data issues that prevent a State-provided growth score from being calculated for that teacher.

Using the drop-down boxes below, please select the assessment(s) that will be used for the back-up SLOs for the grade/subject listed beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

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2.3) Grade 3 ELA and Math: Assessments (Original)

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses Ending with State Assessments or Regents Exams

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

SLOs are the required student performance measure for teachers who do not receive a State-provided growth score. (Please note that for teachers with more than one grade and subject, SLOs must cover the courses taught with the largest number of students, combining sections with common assessments, until a majority of students are covered.)

For grade 3 ELA and math; grades 4 and 8 science; high school math, science, and social studies courses associated with Regents exams or, in the future, with other State assessments, the following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO for students taking such assessments:

- State assessments (or Regents or Regent equivalents), required if one exists

Using the drop-down boxes below, please select the assessment that will be used for the SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

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2.4) Grades 4 and 8 Science: Assessments (Original)

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses Ending with State Assessments or Regents Exams

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

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2.5) High School Courses Ending in a Regents Exam: Assessments (Original)

Note: Additional high school courses may be included in the “All Other Courses” section of this form (Task 2.10).

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses Ending with State Assessments or Regents Exams

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

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For grade 3 ELA and math; grades 4 and 8 science; high school math, science, and social studies associated with Regents exams or, in the future, with other State assessments, the following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO for students taking such assessments:

• State assessments (or Regents or Regent equivalents), required if one exists

Using the drop-down boxes below, please select the assessment(s) that will be used for the SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

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2.6) High School English Language Arts Courses: Measures and Assessments (Original)

Note: Additional high school English Language Arts courses may be included in the “All Other Courses” section of this form (Task 2.10).

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: High School English Language Arts

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

SLOs shall be used for the required student performance measure for teachers who do not receive a State-provided growth score. (Please note that for teachers with more than one grade and subject, SLOs must cover the courses taught with the largest number of students, combining sections with common assessments, until a majority of students are covered.)

For high school English Language Arts, the following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO:

• State assessments (or Regents or Regent equivalents), required in at least one year of high school English Language Arts

For grade levels where the Regents exam is not used:

• District-determined assessments from list of State-approved 3rd party assessments; or
• State-approved district, regionally or BOCES-developed course-specific assessments; or
• School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results; or
• District- or BOCES-wide results

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2.7) Grades K-2 ELA and Math: Measures and Assessments (Original)

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses without State Assessments or Regents Exams

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

SLOs shall be used for the required student performance measure for teachers who do not receive a State-provided growth score. (Please note that for teachers with more than one grade and subject, SLOs must cover the courses taught with the largest number of students, combining sections with common assessments, until a majority of students are covered.)

For other grades/subjects: district-determined assessments from options below may be used as evidence of student learning within the SLO:

- District-determined assessments from list of State-approved 3rd party assessments; or
- State-approved district, regionally or BOCES-developed course-specific assessments; or
- School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results; or
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2.8) Grades 6-7 Science and Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Measures and Assessments (Original)

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses without State Assessments or Regents Exams

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

SLOs shall be used for the required student performance measure for teachers who do not receive a State-provided growth score. (Please note that for teachers with more than one grade and subject, SLOs must cover the courses taught with the largest number of students, combining sections with common assessments, until a majority of students are covered.)

For other grades/subjects: district-determined assessments from options below may be used as evidence of student learning within the SLO:

- District-determined assessments from list of State-approved 3rd party assessments; or
- State-approved district, regionally or BOCES-developed course-specific assessments; or
- School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results; or
- District- or BOCES-wide results

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### 2.9 Regents Global Studies 1: Measure and Assessment(s) (Original)

Note: Additional high school social studies courses may be included in the “All Other Courses” section of this form (Task 2.10).

**STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses without State Assessments or Regents Exams**

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For other grades/subjects: district-determined assessments from options below may be used as evidence of student learning within the SLO:

- District-determined assessments from list of State-approved 3rd party assessments; or
- State-approved district, regionally or BOCES-developed course-specific assessments; or
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2.10) All Other Courses (Original)

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses without State Assessments or Regents Exams

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For other grades/subjects: district-determined assessments from options below may be used as evidence of student learning within the SLO:

- District-determined assessments from list of State-approved 3rd party assessments; or
- State-approved district, regionally or BOCES-developed course-specific assessments; or
- School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results; or
- District- or BOCES-wide results

Fill in the following, as applicable, for all other teachers in additional grades/subjects that have SLOs (you may combine into one course listing any groups of teachers for whom the measure and assessment(s) are the same including, for example, "All courses not named above"):

- Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course
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- Column 4: measure used
- Columns 5-6: assessment(s) used

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To add additional courses, click "Add Row".
Task 2. Original Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Original Tasks 2.10 (Other Courses), 2.11-2.14

2.11) HEDI Scoring Bands

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2.12) Teachers with More Than One Growth Measure (Original)

For more information on teachers with more than one growth measure, please see NYSED APPR Guidance and NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

If educators have more than one State-provided growth score and rating, those scores and ratings will be combined into one 0-20 score and HEDI rating for the Required Student Performance subcomponent provided by the Department. (Examples: Common branch teacher with State-provided growth measures for both ELA and Math in grade 4; middle school math teacher with both 7th and 8th grade math courses.)

If educators have more than one SLO (or a State-provided growth measure and an SLO), the measures will each earn a score from 0-20 points which districts/BOCES must weight proportionately based on the number of students in each SLO (or in the State-provided growth measure and the SLO).

2.13) Assurances

For guidance on SLOs and the development of back-up SLOs, please see NYSED APPR Guidance and SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.
Please check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that the teacher has an SLO or a back-up SLO, where applicable, consistent with the goal setting process developed by the Commissioner that results in a student growth score.

☑ Assure that all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined by the superintendent or another trained administrator. Such targets, as determined by the superintendent or another trained administrator, may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learner status and prior academic history.

☑ Assure that all growth targets are approved by the superintendent or another trained administrator.

☑ Assure that any disagreement between parties regarding the content of the SLO, including the growth target, will be resolved by the superintendent or another trained administrator.

☑ Assure that if a teacher's SLO is based on a small n size population and the district/BOCES chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed in task 2.11, then the teacher's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in APPR Guidance.

☑ Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs.

☑ Assure that the final Student Performance category rating for each teacher will be determined using the weights and growth parameters specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the approved APPR plan.

2.14) Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting

• If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

• If the Optional subcomponent is used, the Required subcomponent must comprise at least 50% of the Student Performance category.

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
Task 2) Required Student Performance Subcomponent (Transition Period, 2016-17 through 2018-19)

The measures indicated in this section only apply during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years.

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

For guidance on the use of alternate SLOs during the transition period, see: https://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-new-york-s-annual-professional-performance-review-law-and-regulations.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or at least 50% when used with the Optional subcomponent.

(A) For a teacher whose course ends in a State-created or administered test for which there is a State-provided growth model and at least 50% of a teacher’s students are covered under the State-provided growth measure, such teacher shall have a State-provided growth score based on such model.

(B) For a teacher whose course does not end in a State-created or administered test or where less than 50% of the teacher’s students are covered by a State-provided growth measure, such teacher shall have a Student Learning Objective (SLO) developed and approved by his/her superintendent or another trained administrator, using a form prescribed by the Commissioner, consistent with the SLO process determined or developed by the Commissioner, that results in a student growth score; provided that, for any teacher whose course ends in a State-created or administered assessment for which there is no State-provided growth model, such assessment must be used as the underlying assessment for such SLO.

During the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, pursuant to the requirements of §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, grades 3-8 NYS ELA/math assessments and any State-provided growth scores may only be used for advisory purposes and may not be used for the purpose of calculating transition scores and ratings.

If grades 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and any State-provided growth scores are the entirety of the Student Performance category, districts/BOCES must also develop an alternate SLO based on assessments that are not grade 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and/or on State-provided growth scores for the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category during the transition to higher standards through new State assessments aligned to revised learning standards and a revised State-approved growth model.

2.2-2.10) Alternate SLOs (Transition Period, 2016-17 through 2018-19)

Using the table below, please first select a measure and assessment(s) that will be used for the alternate SLO during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, then indicate the applicable courses.

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<th>Measure</th>
<th>State or Regents Assessment(s)</th>
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<th>Third Party Assessment(s)</th>
<th>Applicable Course(s)</th>
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<tr>
<td>District- or BOCES-wide results</td>
<td>☑ Common Core English</td>
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2.11) HEDI Scoring Bands

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2.12) Teachers with More Than One Growth Measure (Transition)

For more information on teachers with more than one growth measure, please see NYSED APPR Guidance and NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

If educators have more than one alternate SLO, the measures will each earn a score from 0-20 points which districts/BOCES must weight proportionately based on the number of students in each SLO.
Task 3) Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance measure, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

*Up to 50% of Student Performance category, if selected.*

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all classrooms in the same grade/subject in the district/BOCES and be either:

(A) a second State-provided growth score on a State-created or administered test, provided that the State-provided growth measure is different than that used in the Required subcomponent, or

(B) a growth score based on a State-designed supplemental assessment, calculated using a State-provided or approved growth model.

3.1) Use of the Optional Subcomponent of the Student Performance Category

*Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.*

- NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any teacher.
For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

4.1) Teacher Practice Rubric

Select a teacher practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess performance based on the observable NYS Teaching Standards.

<table>
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<th>Rubric Name</th>
<th>If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of teachers each rubric applies to.</th>
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<td>Marzano's Causal Teacher Evaluation Model</td>
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4.2) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations.

☑ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be in compliance with the locally-determined subcomponent weights and overall Observation category score and rating based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the district/BOCES, provided that districts/BOCES may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for teachers who teach different grades and/or subjects during the school year.

☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all observations of a classroom teacher across the observation types in a given school year.

4.3) Process for Weighting Rubric Domains/Subcomponents

Please describe the process for weighting the observable domains/subcomponents of the chosen practice rubric (e.g., All observable components will be weighted equally and averaged).

All observable components and sub-components will be weighted equally and averaged.

4.4) Calculating Observation Ratings

Assurances

Please check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.

☑ Assure that once all observations are complete, the different types of observations will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified in task 4.5 below, producing an overall Observation category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a teacher earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

Please also check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that if the district is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the second observation(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the district, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. See Section 30-3.4(d)(2)(i)(b)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that if the district/BOCES is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 4 of the district’s/BOCES’ approved §3012-d APPR plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.4(d)(2)(i)(b)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
## Overall Observation Category Score and Rating

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### HEDI Ranges

Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.

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### 4.5) Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

**Required Subcomponents:**
- Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators: At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score
- Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*: At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Teacher Observation category score

**Optional Subcomponent:**
- Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s): No more than 10% of the Teacher Observation category score when selected

*If the district is granted an annual Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the district, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator.

Please be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.

Please indicate the weighting of each subcomponent and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.
4.6) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the teacher(s) they are evaluating.

☐ Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observer(s), these teacher(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

☑ Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a teacher’s Observation category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of teacher practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

☑ Assure that the length of all observations for teachers will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.

☐ Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.

☑ Assure that peer observer(s), as applicable, will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.

☑ Assure that at least one of the required observations will be unannounced.

4.7) Number and Method of Observations

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations for each type of observer, as well as the method of observation, in the tables below.

Tenured Teachers

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5.1) Scoring Ranges

Student Performance
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.

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Teacher Observation
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally-determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.

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5.2) Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

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* If a teacher is rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, and a State-designed supplemental assessment was included as an Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, the teacher can be rated no higher than Ineffective overall (see Education Law §3012-d (5)(a) and (7)).

5.3) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☑ Assure that each subcomponent and category score and rating and the Overall rating will be calculated pursuant to the requirements specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that it is possible to obtain a zero in each subcomponent.
- ☑ Assure the overall rating determination for a teacher shall be determined according to the evaluation matrix.
- ☑ Assure that a student will not be instructed, for two consecutive school years, by any two teachers of the same subject in the same school district who have received Ineffective ratings under Education Law §3012-d in the year immediately prior to the school year in which the student is placed in the teacher's classroom unless the district has received a waiver from the Department.
6.1) Assurances: Teacher Improvement Plans

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that the district/BOCES will formulate and commence implementation of a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) for all teachers who receive a Developing or Ineffective rating by October 1 following the school year for which such teacher's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.

☑ Assure that TIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a teacher's improvement in those areas.

6.2) Attachment: Teacher Improvement Plan Forms

All TIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of his/her pedagogical judgment, must include:

1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
2) a timeline for achieving improvement;
3) the manner in which the improvement will be assessed; and, where appropriate,
4) differentiated activities to support a teacher's improvement in those areas.

As a required attachment to this APPR plan, upload the TIP forms that are used in the school district/BOCES.

CCSD_TIP_2016.pdf

6.3) Assurance: Appeals

Please check the box below.

☑ Assure the district/BOCES has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and that they provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.

6.4) Appeals

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a teacher may only challenge the following in an appeal to their district/BOCES:

(1) the substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the following:

   (i) in the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;

(2) the school district's/BOCES' adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d; and

(3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as well as the school district's/BOCES' issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher or principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d.
Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be handled in a timely and expeditious way.

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a teacher may only challenge the following in an appeal to their district/BOCES:

1. The substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the following:
   i. In the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;

2. The school district's/BOCES' adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d; and

3. The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as well as the school district's/BOCES' issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher or principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d.

A teacher is not authorized to trigger the appeal process until he or she receives a final composite rating. Depending on the assessment used, a final composite rating may not be available until after the end of the school year. Teachers must receive their final composite ratings no later than September 1 of the school year following the school year for which they are being evaluated. Therefore, the appeal process will be triggered on or before September 1, when the teacher receives his or her final composite rating. Teachers may only appeal an "ineffective" or "developing" rating, except as provided in (1)(i) above.

Only a unit member who is covered by N.Y. Education Law § 3012-d ("Covered Unit Member" or "teacher") may appeal the result of a performance review and/or an improvement plan pursuant to the following procedure:

a) Such challenge must be submitted in writing to the Administrator performing the review, together with any supporting documentation. The challenge must explain in detail the specific reason(s) why the matter identified is the subject of the challenge. A teacher may not file multiple appeals regarding the same APPR or TIP. All grounds for appeal must be raised with specificity within one appeal. Any grounds not raised at the time the appeal is filed shall be deemed waived. All supporting information must also be submitted at the time the appeal is filed. Any information not submitted at the time the appeal is filed shall not be considered. In an appeal, the teacher has the burden of demonstrating a clear legal right to the relief requested and the burden of establishing the facts upon which he or she seeks relief. The challenge must be submitted within fifteen calendar days of the receipt of the APPR and/or TIP which is the subject of the challenge or it is deemed waived. For purposes of the appeals process, calendar days shall exclude the periods of the Winter, Mid-Winter and Spring recesses. The administrator involved will schedule a meeting within ten calendar days to discuss the challenge. A Covered Unit Member may select an Association representative to participate in the meeting. Within fifteen calendar days of the meeting, the Administrator who issued the APPR and/or TIP shall submit to the teacher a detailed written response to the Appeal. The response must include any additional documents or written materials specific to the point(s) of disagreement that support the response and are relevant to the resolution of the appeal. For a non-tenured teacher the Administrator’s determination shall be final. If that teacher disagrees with the response, the teacher may submit a written statement outlining the basis for that disagreement to be included in his or her file along with the disputed Annual Professional Performance Review.

b) If a tenured Covered Unit Member received a rating of “ineffective” or “developing” and disagrees with the Administrator’s response to the challenge, the teacher may submit the challenge, the Administrator’s response, and a written statement explaining in detail the reason(s) for disagreement with the response to the Superintendent of Schools within seven calendar days of receipt of the administrator’s response. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the appeal within ten calendar days of the receipt of the administrator’s response. The tenured Covered Unit Member may select an Association representative to participate in the meeting. The Superintendent shall render a final determination on the challenge within ten calendar days thereafter.

c) Teachers who appeal a rating that includes an observation score based on an observation conducted by the Superintendent shall have the right to appeal the decision to a panel comprised of one administrator in the district (must have received a composite rating of Effective or Highly Effective if subject to the APPR process) not involved in the teacher's evaluation, one CTA representative (must have received a composite rating of Effective or Highly Effective) and one individual jointly appointed by the CTA President and the Superintendent. The panel will meet to discuss the appeal within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the administrator’s response. The panel shall strive to reach consensus but only a majority vote is required for the issuance of a decision. The panel shall render a final determination on the challenge within ten calendar days thereafter.

d) A challenge or determination under this appeal process shall not be the subject of a grievance, and the arbitration provisions of the Collective Negotiations Agreement shall not apply to any such challenge or determination. The teacher retains any defenses he or she may have in the event the APPR or TIP is utilized in a subsequent 3020-a or 3020-b proceeding. Nothing in this appeals process shall in any way restrict or affect the District’s non-reviewable authority to terminate the appointment of or deny tenure to a probationary teacher, during the pendency of an appeal for statutorily and constitutionally permissible reasons other than the teacher’s performance that is subject of the appeal, and any such termination or denial shall not in any way be subject to challenge through the grievance and arbitration provisions of the collective negotiations agreement between the Parties or in any other forum. Education Law §3012-d provides that nothing therein shall be construed to alter or diminish the authority of the governing body of a school district or BOCES to grant or deny tenure to or terminate probationary teachers or principals during the pendency of an appeal for statutorily and constitutionally permissible reasons including the teacher’s or principal’s performance that is the subject of the appeal.
6.5) Assurance: Evaluators

Please check the box below.

☑ The district/BOCES assures that all evaluators will be properly trained and lead evaluators will be certified on the below elements prior to completing a teacher's evaluation. Note: independent observers and peer observers need only be trained on elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

6.6) Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Observers, and Peer Observers and Certification of Lead Evaluators

The process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators must include:

1) the process for training lead evaluators and evaluators, including impartial independent observers and peer observers;
2) the process for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators;
3) the process for ensuring inter-rater reliability; and
4) the nature (content) and the duration (how many hours, days) of such training.
Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.

Process for certification and re-certification of lead evaluators and independent evaluators.
The District has established procedures to train and certify lead evaluators and independent evaluators. The process involves professional development opportunities for lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent evaluators inside and outside the school district, direct training opportunities through professional conferences, the use of Erie 1 BOCES Administrative Leadership Co-Ser, the Erie 1 BOCES Instructional Development Advisory Board, and the Erie 1 BOCES Common Set of Learning Objectives Co-Ser. The Clarence Annual Professional Performance Review plan does not include the option of peer evaluators. The training program shall provide training on:

1. the New York State Teaching Standards and their related elements and performance indicators and the Leadership standards and their related functions, as applicable;
2. evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
3. application and use of the student growth percentile model and any other growth model approved by the Department as defined in section 30-3.2 of this Subpart;
4. application and use of the State-approved teacher or principal rubric(s) selected by the district for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher or principal's practice;
5. application and use of any assessment tools that the district utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers or building principals;
6. application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the optional subcomponent of the student performance category used by the district to evaluate its teachers or principals;
7. use of the statewide instructional reporting system;
8. the scoring methodology utilized by the department and/or the district to evaluate a teacher or principal under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the teacher's or principal's overall rating and their category ratings; and
9. specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.

Each year the Clarence Central School District will review and update its Professional Development Plan. The Professional Development Plan outlines the priority elements for faculty and staff learning opportunities and will also include training requirements for lead evaluators, evaluators, observers, and independent evaluators. The update to the Professional Development Plan will be approved annually by the Board of Education at their June meeting.

At each August Board of Education meeting, the Clarence Board of Education will formally act on a resolution to certify/recertify that lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent evaluators have been appropriately trained and are qualified as per the requirements of the Regents Rules, §30-3.10 (b) and (c). The Board of Education will receive a log of all training activities and events that have occurred during the prior school year. The log will contain a description of the training activities and/or events, the time spent on each training activity, and the training elements from Education Law §30-3.10 (b) and (c) that were addressed.

The District will focus professional development opportunities in the following areas through both K-12 District-wide staff development and embedded classroom learning experiences. The Curriculum team will act in a lead role in the development, planning and execution of these opportunities for faculty and staff based on the needs of our students. The Curriculum team will have a specific focus on providing a coaching and mentoring model to teachers, and will be essential in assessing the needs, prioritizing those needs and creating innovative solutions to help better assist teachers in their professional growth. The Curriculum Team will also provide facilitation to a now expanded Instructional Leadership Team to provide guidance and further support in the implementation of these District initiatives.

Initial certification of all evaluators (Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Evaluators) will be conducted for a minimum of three days. Recertification of all evaluators will be conducted for a minimum of one day.

Inter-rater reliability for all evaluators, lead evaluators, and observers will be facilitated by individual and small group practice with rating lessons based on teacher videos provided by the District, ASCD, Learning Sciences International, and SED. Principals will practice utilizing rubrics associated with the Marzano Causal Teaching Evaluation System to make judgments of teachers in the videos, and the learning community of evaluators will share feedback points. The scores will be calibrated and practice will continue until inter-rater reliability is assured. Inter-rater reliability training will take place in summer administrative retreats.

6.7) Assurances: Teacher Evaluation
Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that the district/BOCES shall compute and provide to the teacher their score and rating for the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Teacher Observation category for the teacher's Annual Professional Performance Review, in writing, no later than the last school day of the school year for which the teacher is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher's performance is being measured.

- Assure that the evaluation system will be used as a significant factor for employment decisions.

- Assure that teachers will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process.

- Assure that the following prohibited elements listed in Education Law §3012-d(6) are not being used as part of any teacher's evaluation: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of teacher practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness; any district or regionally-developed assessment that has not been approved by the Department; and any growth or achievement target that does not meet the minimum standards as set forth in regulations of the Commissioner. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall compute and provide teachers whose Student Performance Category measures are based, in whole or in part, on the grades 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and/or State-provided growth scores with their APPR transition scores and ratings as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher's performance is being measured.

- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall provide such teachers with their original composite rating by September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher's performance is being measured, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

6.8) Assurances: Assessments

Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that, where applicable, if students in Common Core courses are taking both the 2005 Learning Standards and Common Core versions of the Regents Assessment, then the district/BOCES will use the higher of the two scores to determine whether a student has met his/her growth target.

- Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by state or federal law for each classroom or program within a grade level does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for the grade.

- Assure that individuals with vested interest in the outcome of their assessments are not involved, to the extent practicable, in the administration and scoring of those assessments.

- Assure that, where applicable, if your district/BOCES has indicated that more than one version of a Regents assessment for a content area will be used as the underlying evidence for an SLO, that the district/BOCES will only administer both assessments within the timeframes prescribed by the Commissioner. Where only one version of a Regents assessment for a content area is administered in a particular school year, assure that only that assessment will be used as the underlying evidence for an SLO.

6.9) Assurances: Data

Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that SED will receive accurate teacher and student data, including enrollment and attendance data, and any other student, teacher, school, course, and teacher/student linkage data necessary to comply with regulations, in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner.

- Assure that the district/BOCES provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.

- Assure scores and ratings for all teachers will be reported to NYSED for each category, as well as the overall rating, as per NYSED requirements.

- Assure that enrolled students in accordance with teacher of record policies are included and may not be excluded.

- Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.
Task 7) Original Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

100% of Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or at least 50% when used with Optional subcomponent

(A) For a principal of a building which includes grades 4-8 ELA, math and/or high school courses with State or Regents assessments (or principals of programs with any of these assessments) who have at least 30% of his/her students covered under a State-provided growth measure, such principal shall have a State-provided growth score based on such model.

(B) For a principal where less than 30% of his/her students are covered under the State-provided growth measure, such principal shall have a Student Learning Objective (SLO), consistent with the SLO process determined or developed by the Commissioner, that results in a student growth score; provided that, for any principal whose building or program includes courses that end in a State-created or administered assessment for which there is no State-provided growth model, such assessment must be used as the underlying assessment for such SLO.

7.1) State-Provided Measures of Student Growth (Original)

For principals with at least 30% of their students covered under a State-provided growth measure, such principal shall have a State-provided growth score based on such model. Please list the grade configurations of the school(s)/program(s) in your district/BOCES where it is expected that 30-100% of a principal’s students are taking assessments with a State-provided growth measure, (e.g., K-5, PK-6, 6-12, 7-12, 9-12, etc.). For principals where less than 30% of their students are covered under a State-provided growth measure, such principals shall have an SLO consistent with a goal setting process determined or developed by the Commissioner that results in a student growth score; provided that for any grade-level/course that ends in a State-created or administered assessment for which there is no State-provided growth model, such assessment must be used as the underlying assessment for such SLO. (See Guidance for more detail on principals with State-provided measures and SLOs.)

For the 2019-20 school year and thereafter, for those principals who would typically receive a State-provided growth score, the district/BOCES must also include a back-up SLO in the event that there are not enough students, not enough scores, or data issues that prevent a State-provided growth score from being calculated for that principal.

Please list the grade configurations of the schools or principals where State-provided growth measures will apply beginning in the 2019-20 school year (please list, e.g., K-5, PK-6, 6-8, 6-12, 7-12, 9-12). For each configuration, also indicate assessment(s) used for the back-up SLO beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

For each grade configuration indicate the following:

• Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the building or program
• Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the building or program
• Column 3: assessment(s) used

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2019-20 school year for each grade configuration listed. The SLO will be based on the largest grades/courses in the
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7.1) Assurances

Please check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that the growth score provided by NYSED will be used, where required.
☑ Assure that, starting in the 2019-20 school year, back-up SLOs will be set by the superintendent or another trained administrator for all principals who receive a State-provided growth score in the event that a State-provided growth score cannot be generated for that principal.
☑ Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the results of the NYS Grades 3-8 ELA/Math assessments and State-provided growth scores will continue to be used to calculate an original score and rating for advisory purposes only.
7.3) HEDI Scoring Bands

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7.4) Principals with More Than One Growth Measure (Original)

For more information on principals with more than one growth measure, please see NYSED APPR Guidance and SLO Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

If educators have more than one State-provided growth score and rating, those scores and ratings will be combined into one score and HEDI rating for the Required Student Performance subcomponent provided by the Department. (Examples: Principals of K-8 schools with growth measures for ELA and math grades 4-8.)

If educators have more than one SLO (or a State-provided growth measure and an SLO), the measures will each earn a score from 0-20 points which districts/BOCES must weight proportionately based on the number of students in each SLO (or in the State-provided growth measure and the SLO).

7.5) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that the principal has an SLO or a back-up SLO, where applicable, consistent with the goal setting process developed by the Commissioner that results in a student growth score.
- Assure that all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined by the superintendent or another trained administrator. Such targets, as determined by the superintendent or another trained administrator, may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learners status and prior academic history.
- Assure that all growth targets are approved by the superintendent or another trained administrator.
- Assure that any disagreement between parties regarding the content of the SLO, including the growth target, will be resolved by the superintendent or another trained administrator.
- Assure that if a principal's SLO is based on a small n size population and the district/BOCES chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed in task 7.3, then the principal's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in APPR Guidance.
- Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs.
- Assure that the final Student Performance category rating for each principal will be determined using the weights and growth parameters specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the approved APPR plan.

7.6) Student Performance Subcomponent Weighting

- If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
- If the Optional subcomponent is used, the Required subcomponent must comprise at least 50% of the Student Performance category.

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
Task 7) Required Student Performance Subcomponent (Transition Period, 2016-17 through 2018-19)

The measures indicated in this section only apply during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years.

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

For guidance on the use of alternate SLOs during the transition period, see: https://www.engageny.org/resource/guidance-on-new-york-s-annual-professional-performance-review-law-and-regulations.

100% of Student Performance category if only the Required subcomponent is used or at least 50% when used with Optional subcomponent

(A) For a principal of a building which includes grades 4-8 ELA, math and/or high school courses with State or Regents assessments (or principals of programs with any of these assessments) who have at least 30% of his/her students covered under a State-provided growth measure, such principal shall have a State-provided growth score based on such model.

(B) For a principal where less than 30% of his/her students are covered under the State-provided growth measure, such principal shall have a Student Learning Objective (SLO), consistent with the SLO process determined or developed by the Commissioner, that results in a student growth score; provided that, for any principal whose building or program includes courses that end in a State-created or administered assessment for which there is no State-provided growth model, such assessment must be used as the underlying assessment for such SLO.

During the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, pursuant to the requirements of §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, if excluding grade 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and any State-provided growth scores results in no remaining student performance measures, districts/BOCES must develop alternate SLOs based on assessments that are not grade 3-8 ELA/math State assessments for the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance Category during the transition to higher standards through new State assessments aligned to revised learning standards and a revised State-approved growth model.

7.1-7.2) Alternate SLOs (Transition Period, 2016-17 through 2018-19)

Please list the grade configurations of the schools or principals where alternate SLOs will apply. For each configuration, also indicate the measure and assessment(s) used for the alternate SLO.

For each configuration:
- Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the building or program
- Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the building or program
- Column 3: measure used
- Column 4: assessment(s) used

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Using the table below, please select the assessment(s) that will be used for the alternate SLOs during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years for each grade configuration listed. In all other school years, the SLO will be based on the largest grades/courses in the principal’s school building, using State or Regents assessments as the underlying evidence for such SLOs where they exist.
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**Task 7 Alternate SLOs**

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**Assessment Bands**

- **Highly Effective**: 97-100%
- **Effective**: 93-96%
- **Developing**: 90-92%
- **Ineffective**: 85-89%
- **Developing**: 80-84%
- **Developing**: 75-79%
- **Developing**: 67-74%
- **Developing**: 60-66%
- **Developing**: 55-59%
- **Developing**: 49-54%
- **Developing**: 44-48%
- **Developing**: 39-43%
- **Developing**: 34-38%
- **Developing**: 29-33%
- **Developing**: 25-28%
- **Developing**: 21-24%
- **Developing**: 17-20%
- **Developing**: 13-16%
- **Developing**: 9-12%
- **Developing**: 5-8%
- **Developing**: 0-4%

#### For more information on principals with more than one growth measure, please see NYSED APPR Guidance and SLO:

[https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d](https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d)
on the number of students in each SLO.
Task 8) Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

*Up to 50% of Student Performance category, if selected.*

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all buildings with the same grade configuration or program in the district/BOCES and be either:

(A) a second State-provided growth score on a State-created or administered test, provided that a different measure is used than that for the Required subcomponent in the Student Performance category, or

(B) a growth score based on a State-designed supplemental assessment, calculated using a State-provided or approved growth model.

8.1) Use of the Optional Subcomponent for Student Performance Measures

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

| NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any principal. |

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9.1) Principal Practice Rubric

Select a principal practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess performance based on ISLLC 2008 Standards.

<table>
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<th>Rubric Name</th>
<th>If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of principals each rubric applies to.</th>
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<td>Marzano School Leader Evaluation Model (2013)</td>
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9.2) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that all observable ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual school visits.

☑ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Principal School Visit category will be in compliance with the locally-determined subcomponent weights and overall School Visit category score and rating based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all principals in the same or similar programs or grade configurations across the district/BOCES, provided that districts/BOCES may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for a principal assigned to different grade level configurations or building types.

☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all school visits for a principal across the school visit types in a given school year.

9.3) Process for Weighting Rubric Domains/Subcomponents

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

Please describe the process for weighting the observable domains/subcomponents of the chosen practice rubric (e.g., All observable components will be weighted equally and averaged).

All observable components and sub-components will be weighted equally and averaged.

9.4) Calculating School Visit Ratings

Assurances

Please check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that each set of school visits (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted school visit score will be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.

☑ Assure that once all school visits are complete, the different types of school visits will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified in task 9.5 below, producing an overall School Visit category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a principal earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

Please also check the boxes below.

☑ Assure that if the district is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the second school visit(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the district, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or his/her designee. See Section 30-3.5(d)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

☑ Assure that if the district/BOCES is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 9 of the district's/BOCES' approved §3012-d APPR plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.5(d)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
Overall School Visit Category Score and Rating

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HEDI Ranges

Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.

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9.5) Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting

Required Subcomponents:

- School Visits by Supervisor(s) or other Trained Administrator(s): At least 80% of the Principal School Visit category score
- School Visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*: At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Principal School Visit category score

Optional Subcomponent:

- School Visits by Trained Peer Observer(s): No more than 10% of the Principal School Visit category score when selected

*If the district is granted an annual Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the district, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee.

Please indicate the weighting of each subcomponent and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.


9.6) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the principal(s) they are evaluating.
☑ Assure that, if school visits are being conducted by trained peer observer(s), these principal(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.
☑ Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a principal's school visit category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of principal practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of principal effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
☑ Assure that the length of all school visits for principals will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
☑ Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.
☑ Assure that peer observer(s), as applicable, will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.
☑ Assure that at least one of the required school visits will be unannounced.
☑ Assure that school visits will not be conducted via video.

9.7) Number of School Visits

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits for each type of observer in the tables below.

Tenured Principals

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* If a principal is rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, and a State-designed supplemental assessment was included as an Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, the principal can be rated no higher than Ineffective overall (see Education Law §3012-d (5)(a) and (7)).

10.3) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☑️ Assure that each subcomponent and category score and rating and the Overall rating will be calculated pursuant to the requirements specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑️ Assure that it is possible to obtain a zero in each subcomponent.
- ☑️ Assure the overall rating determination for a principal shall be determined according to the evaluation matrix.
For guidance on additional requirements for principals, see NYSED APPR Guidance: https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d.

11.1) Assurances: Improvement Plans

Please check all of the boxes below.

- Assure that the district/BOCES will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who receive a Developing or Ineffective rating by October 1 following the school year for which such principal’s performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.

- Assure that PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

11.2) Attachment: Principal Improvement Plan Forms

All PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or his/her designee, in the exercise of his/her pedagogical judgment, must include:

1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
2) a timeline for achieving improvement;
3) the manner in which the improvement will be assessed; and, where appropriate,
4) differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

As a required attachment to this APPR plan, upload the PIP forms that are used in the school district/BOCES.

CCSD PIP Forms 2016.pdf

11.3) Assurance: Appeals

Please check the box below.

- Assure the district/BOCES has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and that they provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.

11.4) Appeals

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a principal may only challenge the following in an appeal to their district/BOCES:

1) the substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the following:
   (i) in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the student performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the school visit category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;

2) the school district's/BOCES' adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d; and

3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as well as the school district's/BOCES' issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher or principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d.
Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be handled in a timely and expeditious way.

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a principal may only challenge the following in an appeal to their district/BOCES:

1. the substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the following:
   a. in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;
   b. the school district's/BOCES' adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d; and
   c. the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as well as the school district's/BOCES' issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d.

A. A principal who receives a “Developing or Ineffective” rating on his/her APPR shall be entitled to appeal this rating. This appeal must be done in written form and submitted to the Superintendent of Schools who has been trained in accordance with the requirements of the statute and regulation. An APPR shall not be placed in a principal’s personnel file until either the expiration of the fifteen (15) business day period during which an appeal could be filed by the principal or the conclusion of the appeal process described herein, whichever is later.

B. The principal must submit a written description which must explain in detail the specific areas which are the basis for the appeal. The performance review and/or improvement plan being challenged must also be submitted with the appeal. Any information not submitted at the time the appeal is filed shall not be considered. Appeals are limited to the grounds stated as prescribed in Section 3012-d of the Education Law:

C. A principal may not file more than one appeal on the same APPR or improvement plan. All grounds for an appeal of an APPR or improvement plan must be raised with specificity as a part of the initial submission of the appeal. Any grounds not raised at the time the appeal is filed shall be deemed waived.

D. The principal initiating the appeal has the burden of demonstrating a clear legal right to the relief requested and the burden of establishing the facts upon which relief is sought.

E. Appeal Process

Step One:
An appeal must be filed in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the presentation of the document (yearly evaluation and/or improvement plan) to the principal or the right to appeal shall be deemed waived in all regards. The Superintendent and the Appellant shall meet to discuss the appeal within ten (10) calendar days. The Superintendent or designee will render a written response to the appeal within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting. The response will include all additional documents or written materials relevant to the point(s) of disagreement that support the district’s response. Any such information that is not submitted at the time the response is filed shall not be considered on behalf of the district in the deliberations related to the resolution of the appeal.

Step Two
In the event first step does not change the rating, appellant will have the right to access the Appeal Panel. The Appellant may file an appeal to the Superintendent requesting the Appeal Panel no later than (7) calendar days after receiving the written response from step one.

Panel*:
• District Office Representative (selected by Superintendent)
• Outside Evaluator* (selected by Superintendent)
• Outside Evaluator* (selected by Appellant)

*A pool of 5 evaluators will be mutually selected in the beginning of the school year from the BOCES list of available outside evaluators.

H. The Appeal Process shall provide the principal with the opportunity to meet with the panel within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date the principal’s request was received.

I. Nothing in this appeals process shall in any way restrict or affect the District’s non-reviewable authority to terminate the appointment of or deny tenure to a probationary principal, and any such termination or denial shall not in any way be subject to challenge through the grievance and arbitration provisions of the collective negotiations agreement between the Parties or in any other forum.

J. A written decision on the merits of the appeal shall be rendered no later than ten (10) calendar days from the close of the Appeal Panel hearing. The appeal shall be based on a written record, comprised of the principal’s appeal papers and any documentary evidence accompanying the appeal, as well as the school district’s response to the appeal and additional documentary evidence submitted with such papers. The decision shall set forth the reasons and factual basis for each determination on each of the specific issues raised in the principal’s appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the reviewer may set aside or modify a rating. The decision of the appeal panel is final and binding. A copy of the decision shall be provided to the principal, the Superintendent and all members of the Appeal Panel.

K. The above appeals procedure shall constitute the exclusive means for initiating, reviewing, and resolving any and all challenges and appeals related to principal’s APPR or Improvement Plan. A principal may not resort to any other grievance or arbitration procedures contained within the collective bargaining agreement or to any administrative or judicial forum for the resolution of challenges and appeals related to the APPR or Improvement Plan.
L). A challenge or determination under this appeal process shall not be the subject of a grievance, and the arbitration provisions of the Collective Negotiations Agreement shall not apply to any such challenge or determination. The principal retains any defenses he or she may have in the event the APPR or PIP is utilized in a subsequent 3020-a or 3020-b proceeding. An evaluation that is the subject of an appeal shall not be sought to be offered in evidence or placed in evidence in any proceeding conducted pursuant to Education Law sections 3020-a and 3020-b or any locally negotiated alternate disciplinary procedure until the appeal process is concluded.

M). Upon request by either the District or the Association, this appeal process will be annually reviewed to assess its effectiveness. Any changes will be mutually agreed to in writing by both parties and approved by the Commissioner as a material change. Appeal procedures shall provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of any appeal.

Nothing shall be construed to authorize a principal to commence the appeal process prior to receipt of his or her rating from the district.

11.5) Assurance: Evaluators

Please check the box below.

☒ The district/BOCES assures that all evaluators will be properly trained and lead evaluators will be certified on the below elements prior to completing a principal's evaluation. Note: independent observers and peer observers need only be trained on elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

11.6) Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Observers, and Peer Observers and Certification of Lead Evaluators

The process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators must include:

1) the process for training lead evaluators and evaluators, including impartial independent observers and peer observers;
2) the process for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators;
3) the process for ensuring inter-rater reliability; and
4) the nature (content) and the duration (how many hours, days) of such training.
Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.

Process for certification and re-certification of lead evaluators and independent evaluators.
The District has established procedures to train and certify lead evaluators and independent evaluators. The process involves professional development opportunities for lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent evaluators inside and outside the school district, direct training opportunities through professional conferences, the use of Erie 1 BOCES Administrative Leadership Co-Ser, the Erie 1 BOCES Instructional Development Advisory Board, and the Erie 1 BOCES Common Set of Learning Objectives Co-Ser. The Clarence Annual Professional Performance Review plan does not include the option of peer evaluators. The training program shall provide training on:

1. the New York State Teaching Standards and their related elements and performance indicators and the Leadership standards and their related functions, as applicable;
2. evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
3. application and use of the student growth percentile model and any other growth model approved by the Department as defined in section 30-3.2 of this Subpart;
4. application and use of the State-approved teacher or principal rubric(s) selected by the district for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher or principal's practice;
5. application and use of any assessment tools that the district utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers or building principals;
6. application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the optional subcomponent of the student performance category used by the district to evaluate its teachers or principals;
7. use of the statewide instructional reporting system;
8. the scoring methodology utilized by the department and/or the district to evaluate a teacher or principal under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the teacher's or principal's overall rating and their category ratings; and
9. specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.

Each year the Clarence Central School District will review and update its Professional Development Plan. The Professional Development Plan outlines the priority elements for faculty and staff learning opportunities and will also include training requirements for lead evaluators, evaluators, observers, and independent evaluators. The update to the Professional Development Plan will be approved annually by the Board of Education at their June meeting.

At each August Board of Education meeting, the Clarence Board of Education will formally act on a resolution to certify/recertify that lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent evaluators have been appropriately trained and are qualified as per the requirements of the Regents Rules, §30-3.10 (b) and (c). The Board of Education will receive a log of all training activities and events that have occurred during the prior school year. The log will contain a description of the training activities and/or events, the time spent on each training activity, and the training elements from Education Law §30-3.10 (b) and (c) that were addressed.

The District will focus professional development opportunities in the following areas through both K-12 District-wide staff development and embedded classroom learning experiences. The Curriculum team will act in a lead role in the development, planning and execution of these opportunities for faculty and staff based on the needs of our students. The Curriculum team will have a specific focus on providing a coaching and mentoring model to teachers, and will be essential in assessing the needs, prioritizing those needs and creating innovative solutions to help better assist teachers in their professional growth. The Curriculum Team will also provide facilitation to a now expanded Instructional Leadership Team to provide guidance and further support in the implementation of these District initiatives.

Initial certification of all evaluators (Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Evaluators) will be conducted for a minimum of three days. Recertification of all evaluators will be conducted for a minimum of one day.

Inter-rater reliability for all evaluators, lead evaluators, and observers will be facilitated by individual and small group practice with rating lessons based on teacher videos provided by the District, ASCD, Learning Sciences International, and SED. Principals will practice utilizing rubrics associated with the Marzano Causal Teaching Evaluation System to make judgments of teachers in the videos, and the learning community of evaluators will share feedback points. The scores will be calibrated and practice will continue until inter-rater reliability is assured. Inter-rater reliability training will take place in summer administrative retreats.

11.7) Assurances: Principal Evaluation
Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that the district/BOCES shall compute and provide to the principal their score and rating for the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Principal School Visit category for the principal's Annual Professional Performance Review, in writing, no later than the last school day of the school year for which the principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the principal's performance is being measured.

☑ Assure that the evaluation system will be used as a significant factor for employment decisions.

☑ Assure that principals will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process.

☑ Assure that the following prohibited elements listed in Education Law §3012-d(6) are not being used as part of any principal's evaluation: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of principal practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of principal effectiveness; any district or regionally-developed assessment that has not been approved by the department; and any growth or achievement target that does not meet the minimum standards as set forth in regulations of the Commissioner. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

☑ Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall compute and provide principals whose Student Performance Category measures are based, in whole or in part, on the grades 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and/or State-provided growth scores with their APPR transition scores and ratings as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the principal's performance is being measured.

☑ Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall provide such principals with their original composite rating by September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the principal's performance is being measured, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

11.8) Assurances: Assessments

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that, where applicable, if students in Common Core courses are taking both the 2005 Learning Standards and Common Core versions of the Regents Assessment, then the district/BOCES will use the higher of the two scores to determine whether a student has met his/her growth target.

☑ Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by state or federal law for each classroom or program within a grade level does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for the grade.

☑ Assure that individuals with vested interest in the outcome of their assessments are not involved, to the extent practicable, in the administration and scoring of those assessments.

☑ Assure that, where applicable, if your district/BOCES has indicated that more than one version of a Regents assessment for a content area will be used as the underlying evidence for an SLO, that the district/BOCES will only administer both assessments within the timeframes prescribed by the Commissioner. Where only one version of a Regents assessment for a content area is administered in a particular school year, assure that only that assessment will be used as the underlying evidence for an SLO.

11.9) Assurances Data

Please check all of the boxes below.

☑ Assure that SED will receive accurate teacher and student data, including enrollment and attendance data, and any other student, teacher, school, course, and teacher/student linkage data necessary to comply with regulations, in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner.

☑ Assure that the district/BOCES provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.

☑ Assure scores and ratings for all principals will be reported to NYSED for each category, as well as the overall rating, as per NYSED requirements.

☑ Assure that enrolled students in accordance with policies for student assignment to schools and may not be excluded.

☑ Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.
Task 12) Upload APPR District Certification Form

Please Note: SED Monitoring timestamps each revision and signatures cannot be dated earlier than the last revision. To ensure the accuracy of the timestamp on each task, please submit from Task 12 only.

Please obtain the required signatures, create a PDF file, and upload your joint certification of the APPR Plan using this form: APPR District Certification Form.

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APPENDIX A : CCSD Teacher Improvement Plan Template

Name of Teacher: __________________________

Participants in the formulation of this TIP:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Identify the area(s) of improvement identified in the annual evaluation:

1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________________________

This plan will begin on: ______________________

The parties to this agreement will meet on the following dates to review and evaluate the plan and formulate modifications if necessary:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Any changes or modification to the plan must be in writing and will be appended to this document.

_________________________________________ Date

Teacher

_________________________________________ Date

Administrator

_________________________________________ Date

Union Representative
**Attach a copy of the teacher’s evaluation to this form**

**Area Needing Improvement:** __________________________________________________________

**Timeline for improvement:**

Manner in which improvement will be assessed:

Differentiated Activities to Support Improvement:

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**Complete this form for each area identified as needing improvement**

Indicator (a)(3) – New York must indicate that the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student
Appendix A: Principal Improvement Plan Form

NAME_______________________________________________
SCHOOL BUILDING___________________________________
ACADEMIC YEAR____________________________________

Deficient areas that promulgated the “developing or ineffective” performance rating:
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Improvement Goal/Outcome:________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Action Steps/Activities:
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Timeline for completion:_________________________________________________________

Required and Accessible Resources( including responsibility for provision):
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Date(s) for formative evaluation on progress (lead evaluator and principal initial each date to confirm the meeting):

December ______________________________
March ______________________________
Other if needed__________________________

Evidence of Goal Achievement:__________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________
Assessment Summary: Superintendent or his designee will attach a narrative summary of improvement progress, including verification of the provision of support and resources as outlined above.

Principal Signature: _____________________________________________
Date: ________________

Superintendent Signature: ____________________________________________
Date: ________________

**Complete this form for each area identified as needing improvement**

Indicator (a)(3) – New York must indicate that the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student
DISTRICT CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download this form, sign and upload to APPR form

By signing this document, the school district or BOCES certifies that this document constitutes the district’s or BOCES’ complete Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan, that all provisions of the APPR that are subject to collective negotiations have been resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and that such APPR Plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and has been adopted by the governing body of the school district or BOCES. By signing this document, the collective bargaining agent(s) of the school district or BOCES, where applicable, certify that this document constitutes the district’s or BOCES’ complete APPR Plan, that collective negotiations have been completed on all provisions of the APPR that are subject to collective bargaining, and that such APPR Plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and has been adopted by the governing body of the school district or BOCES.

The school district or BOCES and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that upon information and belief, all statements made herein are true and accurate and that any applicable collective bargaining agreements for teachers and principals are consistent with and/or have been amended and/or modified or otherwise resolved to the extent required by Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, as necessary to require that all classroom teachers and building principals will be evaluated using a comprehensive annual evaluation system that rigorously adheres to Education Law §3012-d as implemented by Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The district/BOCES and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, transition scores and ratings will be calculated for teachers and principals that exclude the results of grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Math State assessments and any State-provided growth scores; that the district/BOCES will continue to provide teachers and principals with original APPR scores and ratings calculated based on the measures described in this APPR plan without any modifications, substitutions, or replacements pursuant to §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents during the transition period; and that original APPR scores and ratings will be provided for advisory purposes only, and will have no impact on employment decisions, including tenure determinations, or teacher and principal improvement plans.

The school district or BOCES and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also acknowledge that if approval of this APPR Plan is rejected or rescinded for any reason, any State aid increases received as a result of the Commissioner’s approval of this APPR Plan may be withheld or forfeited by the State pursuant to Education Law §3012-d(11), as added by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2015.

The school district or BOCES and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also make the following specific certifications with respect to their APPR Plan:

- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the overall transition rating will be used as a significant factor in employment decisions, including tenure determinations and teacher and principal improvement plans;
- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district or BOCES will continue to provide teachers and principals with original APPR scores and ratings calculated based on the measures described in this APPR plan without any modifications, substitutions, or replacements pursuant to §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents;
- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, original APPR scores and ratings will not be used as the basis for employment decisions and will only be used for advisory purposes;
- Assure that beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the original overall APPR score pursuant to the district or BOCES approved APPR plan shall be used as the basis for employment decisions, including tenure determinations and teacher and principal improvement plans;
- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district or BOCES, shall provide teachers and principals whose Student Performance Category measures are based, in whole or in part, on the grades 3-8 ELA/math State assessments and/or State-provided growth scores with their APPR transition scores and ratings calculated pursuant to §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher’s performance is being measured.
- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall provide such teachers and principals with their original composite APPR rating by September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher’s performance is being measured, or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, the district/BOCES shall continue to provide teachers and principals whose Student Performance Category measures are not based on the grades 3-8 ELA/math State assessments or State-provided growth scores with their score and rating on the Student Performance category, if
available, and for the Teacher Observation category or Principal School Visit Category of their annual professional performance reviews, in writing, no later than the last day of the school year for which the teacher or principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured, and that the entire APPR will be completed for each teacher or principal as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the classroom teacher or building principal's performance is being measured.

- Assure that beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the entire APPR will be completed for each teacher or principal as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the classroom teacher or building principal's performance is being measured;

- Assure that beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the district or BOCES shall compute and provide to the teacher/principal their score and rating on the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Teacher Observation category or Principal School Visit Category of a teacher's or principal's annual professional performance review, in writing, no later than the last day of the school year for which the teacher or principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured;

- Assure that if a second measure for the Student Performance category is locally selected, then the same locally selected measures of student growth across all classrooms in the same grade/subject in the district/BOCES must be used in a consistent manner to the extent practicable;

- Assure that the alternate SLOs described in Tasks 2 and 7 of this APPR plan will be used as the basis for certain teachers’ and principals’ transition APPR scores and ratings, where applicable and consistent with section 30-3.17 of
the Rules of the Board Regents, during the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years only;

• Assure that, beginning in the 2019-20 school year, no transition scores and ratings will be generated and the district or BOCES' original APPR Plan will apply to all classroom teachers and building principals as defined in the statute, regulations, and SED guidance without any modifications, substitutions, or replacements as a result of the requirements of §30-3.17 of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

• Assure that the district or BOCES will provide the Department with any information necessary to conduct annual monitoring pursuant to Subpart 30-3 of the regulations;

• Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by State or Federal law for each classroom or program of the grade does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum in required annual instructional hours for such classroom or program of the grade; and

• Assure that the amount of time devoted to test preparation under standardized testing conditions for each grade does not exceed, in the aggregate, two percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for such grade. Time devoted to teacher administered classroom quizzes or exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision. In addition, formative and diagnostic assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision and nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to supersede the requirements of a section 504 plan of a qualified student with a disability or Federal law relating to English language learners or the individualized education program of a student with a disability.

Signatures, dates

Superintendent Signature: Date:

[Signature] 08/01/2016

Teachers Union President Signature: Date:

[Signature] 08/01/2016

Administrative Union President Signature: Date:

[Signature] 08/01/2016

Board of Education President Signature: Date:

[Signature] 08/01/2016