December 9, 2021

Educator Evaluation Plan - Variance

Kathleen Bannon, Superintendent
Copiague Public Schools
2650 Great Neck Road
Copiague, NY 11726

Dear Superintendent Bannon:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your educator evaluation 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 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.

Your variance is approved for the 2021-2022 school year. In your application, you requested approval of this variance for multiple school years. Please note that the approval of this variance for any future school years (up to a three school-year period) will be contingent on the Department’s receipt of sufficient evidence to demonstrate the efficacy of the measure approved in this variance. Absent such a finding, the Department may withdraw its approval of this variance for any subsequent school years or may require a separate application or other documentation in future school years. Upon expiration of the approved term of your variance and/or insufficient evidence demonstrating the efficacy of this variance, you must fully implement your most recently approved plan.

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: Angelique Johnson Dingle

NOTE:

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your educator evaluation plan variance application have been reviewed and are considered as part of your approved educator evaluation plan variance application; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your educator evaluation 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 plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your 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.
Annual Professional Performance Review Variance (Education Law 3012-d)
For guidance related to the Annual Professional Performance Review variance, see NYSED APPR 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 Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan requirements to permit them to develop and implement new and innovative approaches to evaluation that meet the specific needs of the LEA, upon a finding by the Commissioner that the new and innovative approach demonstrates how it will ensure differentiated results over time and how the results of the evaluation will be used to provide personalized professional learning opportunities to teachers and principals, while complying with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d.

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 APPR 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 APPR 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 APPR 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 APPRVariance@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 APPR 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 APPR 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.

- Assure that any requested variance for principal evaluation is aligned to the requirements for teacher evaluation provided in Education Law Section 3012-d and that any task not included in the following variance request(s) for principals will be carried out in the manner described in the currently approved APPR plan.
Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR 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 APPR plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved APPR 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 APPR plan.*

Please make the appropriate selection below.

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

Please indicate all teachers to whom this required student performance variance request applies.

**Core Teachers**

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

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Please indicate the area(s) of the required student performance subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.

- Measures of student growth
- Evidence of student learning

*Only select "Conversion to a 20-point score" or "HEDI ranges" if your variance request involves different values than those included in the table below.
Measures of Student Growth

Describe the measure(s) that will be used to evaluate teachers for the required student performance subcomponent (e.g., the SLO goal setting process; SLO components).

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Measures Assurance
Please check the box below.

✔ Assure that all student growth targets shall measure the change in a student's performance between the baseline and the end of the course.
Evidence of Student Learning

Please identify any evidence of student learning to be used. A description of how growth will be measured through various forms of assessment should be included in the last section of this variance request.

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**State or Regents Assessment(s)**

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- ✅ NYSAA
- ✅ NYSESLAT
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 needs and/or challenges of the LEA, and how such needs and/or challenges inform development of the required student performance variance request.

The Copiague school district is a high needs district in which over 75% of our students live in poverty. In addition, close to 20% of our students are English Language Learners which adds another dimension to the needs of our students. The overarching goal of the district is that each student reach their full potential which culminates with graduation from high school. It is our belief that all staff members play an integral role in the education of each child. Every child that graduates from high school is based on the work of every teacher from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. As a district in good standing, with a 90% graduation rate, choosing the graduation pathway of individual students as a SLO target will maintain our district's focus on our primary goal - high school graduation for all.

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 new and innovative 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 of student growth and/or evidence of student learning that will be used to evaluate educators.

Individual students of the current graduating cohort will be considered for graduation using any of the prescribed NYSED pathways to graduation, and/or by using the exceptions for appeal allowed to Sped and ENL students, or the alternate diploma credentials of SACC AND CDOS if so described by the student’s individual education plan. Students of the current graduating cohort will be evaluated for their ability to master the skills needed to meet the graduation requirements of their respective graduation plan by August of the current school year. Student graduation will be determined by the successful completion of required course credit, and the fulfillment of NYSED assessments and any additional requirements of the respective diploma path. Valid evidence of student growth is measured as all potential graduates must utilize their knowledge of mathematics and literacy skills to graduate from Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High school. Student transcripts and assessment records will provide a valid baseline for generating individual graduation plans as targets for all students in the current graduating cohort. Past performance, strengths, deficits, and delays noted in student history are also considered in the development of student targets, as each student’s diploma pathway is determined by their unique interests, abilities, and needs. Student supports are addressed through the provision of accommodations and modifications designed for the individual student. Services for ELL students and students with IEPs and will be delivered with fidelity as students’ progress toward graduation. Research has identified several variables that impact student graduation from high school. Positive attendance habits, student engagement, and a solid foundation of learning are key to graduation. Of them, attendance, engagement, early literacy, and mitigating the “ninth grade factor” are core to the guiding ideas of our APPR proposal. Students performing below grade before entering their ninth year have a much higher chance of dropping out, or not meeting graduation requirements. A long-term study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that students who were not proficient in reading by the end of third grade were four times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers. Eighty-eight percent of students who failed to earn a high school diploma were struggling readers in third grade. For students to successfully graduate high school through their projected graduation pathway, they must have been successfully engaged in meeting the academic prerequisites reaching back to early literacy and mathematics. We intend to measure student growth through a comprehensive analysis that examines our ability to impact and increase student graduation rates by identifying areas of strengths and weakness within our K-12 system, specifically in the areas of attendance, student engagement, early literacy, and the number of students exiting on grade level.
Rigor

Please provide a description of how the LEA will ensure that evaluations are rigorous and enable strong and equitable inferences about the effectiveness of the LEA’s educators.

> This description should include how rigor is achieved and maintained, including relevant processes and methodologies.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, how data will be used to draw inferences, including how the derived data informs decisions and guidance for the LEA’s educators.

The proposed evaluation method(s) will provide a complete, clear, and reliable picture of instructional practice and/or instructional leadership through a collaborative and reflective process involving students, staff, and administration. Through the evaluation and analysis of our graduation data, student and staff program survey data, and our college and career readiness data we can collectively determine where the programmatic strengths and weaknesses are in our K-12 spectrum.

As a district, we work in a cohesive manner across K-12 grades to ensure that all students reach their greatest potential. To continuously improve and strengthen our district’s programs, our curriculum teams meet regularly for vertical articulation and planning. We track student growth in mathematics and literacy beginning in the primary years and continue to do so into High School. Student data is collected beginning in Kindergarten and is housed in our Student Information System for the student’s entire career. Benchmarking, CBM and standardized scores are included in the student’s K-12 individual data portfolio. Through the implementation of a district wide tracking system, we can reflect upon the effectiveness of classroom teachers and interventions as students move from kindergarten through graduation. Our instructional data reporting emphasizes growth over performance, and regular data meetings engage administration and teachers in conversation about student performance based on growth trajectories.

Students receiving interventions beginning in primary grades are supported through reflective and cohesive interventions appropriate to their advancing age. The coordination of these efforts is managed by district staff developers and are overseen by our Executive Director for Instructional Support. As students transition from grade to grade, Principals work with their building teams (BPST/ISTE), Student Support Staff, and district Directors, Coordinators, and Central Office staff to evaluate individual student records and develop programs that are tailored to each child. As students transition from building to building, transition planning teams meet to review student records and discuss the best placement for students as they enter their new environment. Our Directors of ENL and Bilingual Studies and Special Education, along with their respective educational teams take a tremendous role in the facilitation of this work. Secondary transition planning for students representing these subgroups begin in their early Middle School years.
Professional Learning
Please provide a description of how the LEA will use the information collected through the evaluation system, including the assigned effectiveness ratings, to provide personalized professional learning opportunities for educators.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, methodologies and procedures for:
• collecting information about educator effectiveness to inform professional learning,
• specific details regarding both the type(s) and extent of professional learning opportunities anticipated,
• processes for delivery of personalized learning opportunities, and
• use of data to measure the efficacy of such professional learning.

The evidence and data collected on teacher/principal effectiveness will be used to provide personalized professional learning opportunities. Through the evaluation of student cohort graduation data, standardized assessments, student transcripts, SIRS student profile data, and student and staff program survey data we can pinpoint the curriculum and instruction needs of our students and staff representing various student subgroups for the development of a meaningful and comprehensive professional leaving program.

Following the analysis of all relevant data, the district administrative team will develop district, building, content, and staff specific goals to be incorporated into the district professional development plan for the following school year. Building principals will work closely with their team to develop personalized professional learning goals for their individual educators whom data indicates would benefit from such opportunities.

By using the graduation data in conjunction with individual student data portfolios and the new NYSED L2Rpt 750 Student Profile Report, we are able work within our teams to conduct an annual needs analysis and determine what variables may have impacted the student’s ability to meet their graduation pathway as they progressed along their educational career. The needs analysis will determine when and where the students’ most struggled and allow curriculum teams and building teams to develop meaningful interventions and/or programming adjustments.

Through this data driven, collaborative, and reflective practice we will be able to evaluate teacher and principal performance by examining individual student data portfolios. On grade learning, academic performance, classroom behavior, and student attendance will all be a focus in our analysis. For classroom teachers in grades K-3, literacy growth and development will be the primary focus. As strengths and weaknesses emerge from our analysis, administrators will identify patterns of performance in classroom teachers and district buildings and conduct appropriate interventions.

Effectiveness of Implementation
Please provide a description of how the LEA will assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the variance.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, processes and procedures for:
• collection and analysis of both short- and long-term data,
• the standard(s) used to measure the effectiveness of implementation, and
• how results will be used to inform future implementation.

The Copiague school district will assess the effectiveness of the proposed process in evaluating instructional practice and/or instructional leadership by examining our progress in meeting district goals, providing valid and meaningful professional development, and district trend data of our graduation statistics.

Use of the Optional Student Performance Subcomponent & Weighting
Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used in the process included in this variance request by making the appropriate selection below.

☐ The optional subcomponent is not included in this variance; the required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

Required Student Performance Variance Assurances
Please check the box below as applicable to all teachers included in this required student performance variance request.

☐ Assure that each teacher covered by this variance request will have an SLO consistent with the process described in the LEA’s approved APPR plan and/or this variance application and in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
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 APPR 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 APPR plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- A variance is not requested for the teacher observation category.
Category and Overall Ratings
For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR 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 APPR plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved APPR 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 APPR 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 APPR Guidance.

Education Law §3012-d requires that a complete APPR 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 APPR ratings,
- A process for training all evaluators of applicable educators.

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

Choose the appropriate response below.

- [x] 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.
Required Student Performance Subcomponent
For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR 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 the principal evaluation system be aligned to the requirements for teacher evaluations, including the required student performance subcomponent. Therefore, the required student performance subcomponent variance request for principals must be aligned to the teacher evaluation requirements.

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

Variance Request
LEAs may use this variance application to develop a process to demonstrate student growth based on principal practice for a principal or group of principals that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations.

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

Choose the appropriate response below.

☐ A variance is not requested for the required student performance subcomponent for principals.
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### Applicable Principals

Please indicate all principals to whom this required student performance variance request applies.

**To add configurations for additional principals, click "Add Row".**

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**Please indicate the area(s) of the required student performance subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.**

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Measures of Student Growth

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> This description should include a specific, detailed explanation of the new and innovative 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 of student growth and/or evidence of student learning that will be used to evaluate educators.

Individual students of the current graduating cohort will be considered for graduation using any of the prescribed NYSED pathways to graduation, and/or by using the exceptions for appeal allowed to Sped and ENL students, or the alternate diploma credentials of SACC AND CDOS if so described by the student’s individual education plan. Students of the current graduating cohort will be evaluated for their ability to master the skills needed to meet the graduation requirements of their respective graduation plan by August of the current school year. Student graduation will be determined by the successful completion of required course credit, and the fulfillment of NYSED assessments and any additional requirements of the respective diploma path. Valid evidence of student growth is measured as all potential graduates must utilize their knowledge of mathematics and literacy skills to graduate from Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High school. Student transcripts and assessment records will provide a valid baseline for generating individual graduation plans as targets for all students in the current graduating cohort. Past performance, strengths, deficits, and delays noted in student history are also considered in the development of student targets, as each student’s diploma pathway is determined by their unique interests, abilities, and needs. Student supports are addressed through the provision of accommodations and modifications designed for the individual student. Services for ELL students and students with IEPs will be delivered with fidelity as students’ progress toward graduation.

Research has identified several variables that impact student graduation from high school. Positive attendance habits, student engagement, and a solid foundation of learning are key to graduation. Of them, attendance, engagement, early literacy, and mitigating the “ninth grade factor” are core to the guiding ideas of our APPR proposal. Students performing below grade before entering their ninth year have a much higher chance of dropping out, or not meeting graduation requirements. A long-term study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that students who were not proficient in reading by the end of third grade were four times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers. Eighty-eight percent of students who failed to earn a high school diploma were struggling readers in third grade. For students to successfully graduate high school through their projected graduation pathway, they must have been successfully engaged in meeting the academic prerequisites reaching back to early literacy and mathematics. We intend to measure student growth through a comprehensive analysis that examines our ability to impact and increase student graduation rates by identifying areas of strengths and weakness within our K-12 system, specifically in the areas of attendance, student engagement, early literacy, and the number of students exiting on grade level.
Rigor

Please provide a description of how the LEA will ensure that evaluations are rigorous and enable strong and equitable inferences about the effectiveness of the LEA’s educators.

> This description should include how rigor is achieved and maintained, including relevant processes and methodologies.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, how data will be used to draw inferences, including how the derived data informs decisions and guidance for the LEA’s educators.

The proposed evaluation method(s) will provide a complete, clear, and reliable picture of instructional practice and/or instructional leadership through a collaborative and reflective process involving students, staff, and administration. Through the evaluation and analysis of our graduation data, student and staff program survey data, and our college and career readiness data we can collectively determine where the programmatic strengths and weaknesses are in our K-12 spectrum.

As a district, we work in a cohesive manner across K-12 grades to ensure that all students reach their greatest potential. To continuously improve and strengthen our district’s programs, our curriculum teams meet regularly for vertical articulation and planning. We track student growth in mathematics and literacy beginning in the primary years and continue to do so into High School. Student data is collected beginning in Kindergarten and is housed in our Student Information System for the student’s entire career. Benchmarking, CBM and standardized scores are included in the student’s K-12 individual data portfolio. Through the implementation of a district wide tracking system, we can reflect upon the effectiveness of classroom teachers and interventions as students move from kindergarten through graduation. Our instructional data reporting emphasizes growth over performance, and regular data meetings engage administration and teachers in conversation about student performance based on growth trajectories. Students receiving interventions beginning in primary grades are supported through reflective and cohesive interventions appropriate to their advancing age. The coordination of these efforts is managed by district staff developers and are overseen by our Executive Director for Instructional Support. As students transition from grade to grade, Principals work with their building teams (BPST/ISTE), Student Support Staff, and district Directors, Coordinators, and Central Office staff to evaluate individual student records and develop programs that are tailored to each child. As students transition from building to building, transition planning teams meet to review student records and discuss the best placement for students as they enter their new environment. Our Directors of ENL and Bilingual Studies and Special Education, along with their respective educational teams take a tremendous role in the facilitation of this work. Secondary transition planning for students representing these subgroups begin in their early Middle School years.
Professional Learning
Please provide a description of how the LEA will use the information collected through the evaluation system, including the assigned effectiveness ratings, to provide personalized professional learning opportunities for educators.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, methodologies and procedures for:

• collecting information about educator effectiveness to inform professional learning,
• specific details regarding both the type(s) and extent of professional learning opportunities anticipated,
• processes for delivery of personalized learning opportunities, and
• use of data to measure the efficacy of such professional learning.

The evidence and data collected on teacher/principal effectiveness will be used to provide personalized professional learning opportunities. Through the evaluation of student cohort graduation data, standardized assessments, student transcripts, SIRS student profile data, and student and staff program survey data we can pinpoint the curriculum and instruction needs of our students and staff representing various student subgroups for the development of a meaningful and comprehensive professional learning program.

Following the analysis of all relevant data, the district administrative team will develop district, building, content, and staff specific goals to be incorporated into the district professional development plan for the following school year. Building principals will work closely with their team to develop personalized professional learning goals for their individual educators whom data indicates would benefit from such opportunities.

By using the graduation data in conjunction with individual student data portfolios and the new NYSED L2Rpt 750 Student Profile Report, we are able work within our teams to conduct an annual needs analysis and determine what variables may have impacted the student’s ability to meet their graduation pathway as they progressed along their educational career. The needs analysis will determine when and where the students’ most struggled and allow curriculum teams and building teams to develop meaningful interventions and/or programming adjustments.

Through this data driven, collaborative, and reflective practice we will be able to evaluate teacher and principal performance by examining individual student data portfolios. On grade learning, academic performance, classroom behavior, and student attendance will all be a focus in our analysis. For classroom teachers in grades K-3, literacy growth and development will be the primary focus. As strengths and weaknesses emerge from our analysis, administrators will identify patterns of performance in classroom teachers and district buildings and conduct appropriate interventions.

Effectiveness of Implementation
Please provide a description of how the LEA will assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the variance.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, processes and procedures for:

• collection and analysis of both short- and long-term data,
• the standard(s) used to measure the effectiveness of implementation, and
• how results will be used to inform future implementation.

The Copiague school district will assess the effectiveness of the proposed process in evaluating instructional practice and/or instructional leadership by examining our progress in meeting district goals, providing valid and meaningful professional development, and district trend data of our graduation statistics.

Use of the Optional Student Performance Subcomponent & Weighting
Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used in the process included in this variance request by making the appropriate selection below.

☐ The optional subcomponent is not included in this variance; the required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

Required Student Performance Variance Assurances
Please check the box below as applicable to all principals included in this required student performance variance request.

☐ Assure that scores and ratings for the required student performance subcomponent will be calculated consistent with the process described in the LEA’s approved APPR plan and/or this variance application and in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
Variance Request

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

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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☐ A variance is not requested for the optional student performance subcomponent for principals.
Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to evaluate principal practice in a manner that differs from the process described in the Commissioner’s regulations.

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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- A variance is not requested for the principal school visit category.
Variance Request

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

*Any principals not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA’s currently approved APPR plan.*

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- [x] A variance is not requested for category ratings for principals.
Variance Request

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

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

Choose the appropriate response below.

☐ A variance is not requested for principal improvement plans, appeals, or training.
☐ The details of the variance request applicable to principal improvement plans, appeals, and/or training is described in the subsequent section.
## Applicability of Variance

**Variance Duration**

An Annual Professional Performance Review Variance under Education Law §3012-d may be approved for up to THREE (3) years.

Please indicate below the school years to which this variance application will apply. One, two, or three consecutive academic years may be selected.

- 2020-21
- 2021-22
- 2022-23

## Upload APPR 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 APPR Variance using the "Variance Certification Form" found in the 'Documents' menu on the left side of the page.

- APPR Variance 12-2-21.pdf
- CUFS 11-30-21.pdf
- APPR Signatures 1-4-21.pdf
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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: Date: 12/2/21

Superintendent Name (print): Kathleen Bannan

Teachers Union President Signature: Date: 12/2/21

Teachers Union President Name (print): Timothy Gavin

Administrative Union President Signature: Date: 12/2/21

Administrative Union President Name (print): Joseph M. Agosta

Board of Education President Signature: Date: 12/2/21

Board of Education President Name (print): Brian Sales
Revised

Kathleen Bannon, Superintendent
Copiague Public Schools
2650 Great Neck Road
Copiague, NY 11726

Dear Superintendent Bannon:

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.

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 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: Maureen Donohue-Whitley
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

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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

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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.

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 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
Using the table below, please select the measure and assessment(s) that will be used for SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

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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
- District- or BOCES-wide results

Using the table below, please select the measure and assessment(s) that will be used for SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

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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

Using the table below, please select the measure and assessment(s) that will be used for SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

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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

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: https://www.engage ny.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

Using the table below, please select the measure and assessment(s) that will be used for SLOs for Global Studies 1.

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2.10) All Other Courses (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

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
- Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course
- Column 3: subject of the course
- Column 4: measure used
- Columns 5-6: assessment(s) used

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>(1) lowest grade</th>
<th>(2) highest grade</th>
<th>(3) subject</th>
<th>(4) measure</th>
<th>(5-6) assessment(s)</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Other Courses</td>
<td>K</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>All courses not named above</td>
<td>District- or BOCES-wide results</td>
<td>Common Core English, Common Core Algebra</td>
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<tr>
<td>K-3 Art</td>
<td>K</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Art</td>
<td>Teacher-specific results</td>
<td>Questar III BOCES</td>
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<td>Grades 9-12 English Electives</td>
<td>9</td>
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To add additional courses, click “Add Row”.

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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>Applicable Course(s)</th>
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<td>Dist. or BOCES-wide results</td>
<td>☑ All Regents given in building/district</td>
<td>☑ Copiague</td>
<td>☑</td>
<td>☑3 ELA, ☑3 Math, ☑4 ELA, ☑4 Math, ☑5 ELA, ☑5 Math, ☑6 ELA, ☑6 Math, ☑7 ELA, ☑7 Math, ☑8 ELA, ☑8 Math</td>
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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.
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>
<thead>
<tr>
<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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<tr>
<td>Danielson's Framework for Teaching</td>
<td>(No Response)</td>
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</table>

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

For guidance on the Teacher Observation 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 domains/subcomponents of the Danielson rubric 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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<td>4.0</td>
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<td>2.5 to 2.75</td>
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<td><strong>D</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I</strong></td>
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<td>1.49 to 1.74</td>
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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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<td><strong>Ineffective:</strong></td>
<td>0.00</td>
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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

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

*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 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.

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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.

Grounds for an Appeal

An appeal may be filed challenging the APPR rating based upon one or more of the following:
(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.

Formal Appeal Process / Timeline

A teacher is not authorized to trigger the appeal process until he or she receives a composite rating.

1. Appeal is filed with the Superintendent of Schools.
   • Listed on the appeal will be the names of the three(3) administrators the teacher has chosen who will constitute the Appeal Panel

Within 5 school days of receiving the final APPR rating or TIP

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| **Within 10 school days of submission of the Appeal** | 2. Teacher presents his/her appeal to Appeal Panel.  
• It is expected that the teacher will be prepared to present to the Appeal Panel evidence/artifacts to substantiate his/her basis for the appeal.  
• The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for scheduling this hearing. |
| **Within 5 school days after the teacher meets with the Appeal Panel** | 3. Appeal Panel renders their advisory recommendations to:  
• the Superintendent of Schools  
• the Teacher  
• the Supervising Administrator  
• the Association President |
| **Within 10 school days of receipt of Appeal Panel recommendation** | 4. Teacher presents his/her appeal to the Superintendent of Schools. |
5. Superintendent renders decision.
   • The Superintendent shall consider the written advisory recommendations of the Appeal Panel and shall issue a written decision within five (5) school days.
   • The decision shall set forth the reasons and factual basis for each determination on each of the specific issues raised in the appeal.
   • The Superintendent shall have the authority to rescind, modify, or affirm the rating. A new evaluation may be ordered.

6. Teacher may elect to submit a written response to his/her overall rating, which
response shall be appended to the APPR evaluation and filed in the teacher’s personnel file.

A teacher may withdraw an appeal at any point in the process by notifying, in writing, the Superintendent of Schools.

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.

Evaluator Training
The District will ensure that all lead evaluators/evaluators and impartial and independent observers are properly trained and certified to complete a teacher’s performance review. The evaluator training has replicated the recommended SED model certification process per the requirements prescribed in 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Lead evaluators/evaluators and independent observers will participate in a minimum of three days of training in order to be initially certified. In order to be recertified, lead evaluators/evaluators and independent observers will participate in a minimum of one day of training. All evaluators will provide yearly documentation to the district in order to verify their attendance at such training.

The District will ensure that all evaluators maintain inter-rater reliability over time and that they are certified and/or re-certified by the Board of Education on an annual basis.

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, 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, 6-12, 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

*Follow the examples below.*

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<td>12</td>
<td>All applicable Regents assessments which are used to generate the principal's State-provided growth score</td>
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Using the table below, please select the assessment(s) that will be used for the back-up SLOs beginning in the 2019-20 school year for each grade configuration listed. 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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            |           | ✓ Grade 5 ELA  
            |           | ✓ Grade 4 Math  
            |           | ✓ Grade 5 Math  |
| 6          | 8        | ✓ Grade 6 ELA  
            |           | ✓ Grade 7 ELA  
            |           | ✓ Grade 8 ELA  
            |           | ✓ Grade 6 Math  
            |           | ✓ Grade 7 Math  
            |           | ✓ Grade 8 Math  |
| 9          | 12       | ✓ All applicable Regents assessments which are used to generate the principal's State-provided growth score |

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](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.

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<td>The Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.</td>
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<td>YES</td>
<td>The Optional subcomponent will be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise at least 50% of the Student Performance category.</td>
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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 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: measure used
- Column 4: assessment(s) used

Follow the examples below.

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<td>Principal-specific results</td>
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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.
### 7.3) HEDI Scoring Bands

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#### 7.4) Principals with More than One Growth Measure (Transition)

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

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.

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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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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 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/School 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.

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

### 10.1) Scoring Ranges

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

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<tr>
<th>Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating</th>
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**Principal School Visit Category**
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally-determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.

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### 10.2) Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

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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.

Principals IMPROVEMENT PLAN FORM.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.

Grounds for an Appeal

An appeal may be filed challenging the APPR rating based upon one or more of the following grounds:

• ) 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.

Formal Appeal Process / Timeline

A principal is not authorized to trigger the appeal process until he or she receives a composite rating.

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<td>Within 5 school days of receiving APPR rating or PIP</td>
<td>1. Appeal is filed with the Superintendent of Schools.</td>
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<td>• Listed on the appeal will be the names of one principal and one central office administrator the principal has chosen who will constitute the Appeal Panel</td>
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<td>2. Principal presents his/her appeal to Appeal Panel.</td>
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<td>• It is expected that the principal will be prepared to present to the Appeal Panel evidence/artifacts to substantiate his/her basis for the appeal.</td>
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<td>• The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for scheduling this hearing.</td>
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<td>Within 10 school days of submission of the Appeal</td>
<td>3. Appeal Panel renders their advisory recommendations to:</td>
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<td>• the Superintendent of Schools</td>
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<td>• the Principal</td>
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<td>Within 5 school days after Principal meets with the Appeal Panel</td>
<td>4. Principal presents his/her appeal to the Superintendent of Schools.</td>
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<td>Within 10 school days of receipt of Appeal Panel recommendation</td>
<td>5. Superintendent renders decision.</td>
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<td>Within 5 school days after Principal meets with Superintendent</td>
<td>• The Superintendent shall consider the written advisory recommendations of the Appeal Panel and shall issue a written decision within five (5) school days.</td>
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determination on each of the specific issues raised in the appeal.

- The determination of the Superintendent of Schools shall be final and shall not be grievable, arbitrable, or reviewable in any other forum; however, the failure of either party to abide by the above agreed-upon process shall be subject to the grievance procedure. The Superintendent shall have the authority to rescind, modify, or affirm the rating. A new evaluation may be ordered.

6. Principal may elect to submit a written response to his/her overall rating, which response shall be appended to the APPR evaluation and filed in the principal’s personnel file.

A principal may withdraw an appeal at any point in the process by notifying, in writing, the Superintendent of Schools.

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.

Evaluator Training

The District will ensure that all lead evaluators/evaluators and impartial and independent observers are properly trained and certified to complete a principal’s performance review. The evaluator training has replicated the recommended SED model certification process per the requirements prescribed in 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Lead evaluators/evaluators and independent observers will participate in a minimum of three days of training in order to be initially certified. In order to be recertified, lead evaluators/evaluators and independent observers will participate in a minimum of one day of training. All evaluators will provide yearly documentation to the district in order to verify their attendance at such training.

The District will ensure that all evaluators maintain inter-rater reliability over time and that they are certified and/or re-certified by the Board of Education on an annual basis.

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.

APPR.pdf
COPIAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHER IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

Teacher Name: ___________________________ School Year: ____________
Assignment: ____________________________ School: ____________________

1. Area(s) in need of improvement:

2. Standards and timelines this teacher must meet in order to help increase their opportunity to achieve a rating of EFFECTIVE:

3. Professional Learning Activities this teacher must complete:

4. Differentiated activities and resources to support this teacher’s improvement:

5. How progress toward improvement will be assessed utilizing Artifacts and Benchmarks:

6. Support and assistance this teacher will receive:

Teacher’s Signature ___________________________ Date: ____________
Principal’s Signature ___________________________ Date: ____________
COPIAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRINCIPAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

Principal Name: ___________________________ School Year: ____________
Assignment: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

1. Area(s) in need of improvement:

2. Standards and timelines this principal must meet in order to help increase their opportunity to achieve a rating of EFFECTIVE:

3. How progress toward improvement will be assessed:

4. Differentiated activities and resources to support this principal’s improvement:

Principal’s Signature  ___________________________ Date: ____________

Administrator’s Signature  ___________________________ Date: ____________
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 school district or BOCES and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that this APPR Plan is the district's or BOCES' complete APPR Plan and that such plan will be fully implemented by the school district or BOCES; that there are no collective bargaining agreements, memoranda of understanding, or any other agreements in any form that prevent, conflict, or interfere with full implementation of the APPR Plan; and that no material changes will be made to the Plan through collective bargaining or otherwise except with the approval of the Commissioner in accordance with 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 in their approved 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 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 applicable, 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 the APPR Plan will be filed in the district office and made available to the public on the district's or 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 accurate teacher and student data will be provided to the Commissioner in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner;

- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school year, the district or BOCES will continue to report both the original and transition individual category and subcomponent scores and the overall original and transition ratings to the State for each classroom teacher and building principal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner;

- Certify that the district provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher and building principal to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them;

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

- Assure that any training course for lead evaluator certification addresses each of the requirements in the regulations, including specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities;

- Assure that, during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years, any educators who receive a Developing or Ineffective rating as their overall transition rating will receive a Teacher Improvement Plan or Principal Improvement Plan, in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations, by October 1 in the school year following the school year in which such teacher's or principal's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.

- Assure that, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, any educator who receives a Developing or Ineffective rating on their original overall rating pursuant to this APPR plan will receive a Teacher Improvement Plan or Principal Improvement Plan, in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations, by October 1 in the school year following the school year for which such teacher's or principal's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter;

- Assure that such improvement plan shall be developed by the superintendent or his/her designee in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and shall be subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law;

- Assure that all evaluators and lead evaluators, including independent evaluators and peer evaluators, as applicable, will be properly trained and that lead evaluators will be certified and recertified as necessary in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations;

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

- Assure that, for teachers, 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 and, for principals, 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 it is possible for a teacher or principal to obtain each point in the scoring ranges, including 0, for each subcomponent and that the district and BOCES shall ensure that the process by which weights and scoring ranges are assigned to subcomponents and categories is transparent and available to those being rated before the beginning of each school year;

- 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 all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined by the superintendent or another trained administrator;

- Assure that any material changes to this APPR Plan will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval by March 1 of each school year, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, to the Commissioner for approval;

- 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:  9/9/16  

Teachers Union President Signature:  Date:  9/9/16

Administrative Union President Signature:  Date:  9/9/16

Board of Education President Signature:  Date:  9-9-16