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APPR Plan - Variance

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Dear Superintendent Hadden:

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

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

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

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa
Interim Commissioner

Attachment

c: William Hecht

NOTE:

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

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

Your variance is approved for the 2020-21 school year. Because you requested this variance to address issues related to COVID-19, the approval of this variance for any future school years (up to a three school year period) is contingent on the continuation of the current COVID-19 pandemic notwithstanding your request for this variance to apply in future school years. Upon expiration of state-imposed restrictions or emergency measures related to the pandemic, or abatement of the pandemic, it is expected that your variance will no longer be required. As such, SED may withdraw its approval of this variance for any subsequent school years or may require a separate application or other documentation for continuation of the variance in future school years. Upon expiration of the approved term of your variance, you must implement the terms of your current APPR plan as approved by the Commissioner.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 1. General Information - General Information**

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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.

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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

currently approved APPR plan will apply.

must be met through

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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- ☐ A variance is not requested for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers.
- ☒ The details of the variance request for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers is described in the subsequent section.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 2. TEACHERS: Required Student Performance - Applicability**

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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).

	All Core Teachers	Common Branch	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All core teachers (K-3; 4-8 ELA, math, science, social studies; high school ELA and Regents courses) [if this option is selected, please do not make selections in subsequent columns]					

Other Teachers
☒ Teachers of other courses included in this required student performance variance request are listed in the table below.

Fill in the following for all other teachers in additional grades/subjects that are included in this required student performance variance request:

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above
K-3 Art	K	3	Art
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives

Click "Add Row" to add additional courses. Only list additional courses if they are included in this required student performance variance request.

Grade From	Grade To	Subject
K	8	All courses not named above

Applicable Areas

A variance may be requested for the following areas of the required student performance subcomponent:

- 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*

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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"*

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective											
								1	1	1									
								2	1	0									
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	9	
97-	93-	90-	85-	80-	75-			5	9	4	9	4	9	5	1	7	3		5
100%	96%	92%	89%	84%	79%	67-74%	60-66%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
								5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	8
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								%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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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).

The District and the Association agree to use Measures of Academic Progress ELA and Math as a District-wide measure of student growth for all teachers evaluated pursuant to education law section 3012-d for the 2020-21 school year.

A 0-20 point score and corresponding HEDI rating shall be provided based upon the percentage of students district-wide that have met their growth targets as delineated within the teacher Student Learning Objectives.

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.

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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.

Type(s) of Evidence☒ Third party assessment(s)**Third Party Assessment(s)**☒ MAP Growth (content-specific)**If a third party assessment is not listed, identify below.**

(No Response)

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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.**

Student learning is always relative to the individual learning characteristics of each student, and Measures of Academic Progress embeds the student's own relative performance within the growth goal. The teaching style has changed significantly during the last six months and teachers need timely, accurate assessment information now more than ever to ensure students are learning. Remote learning is brand new to students and to teachers and so this will allow more accurate diagnostic information in a timely manner. It will be easier to administer the MAP assessment during the time of CoVid.

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.**

ELA and/or Math (depending upon whether the teacher is common branch or departmentalized) Measures of Academic progress assessment results will be used to inform student instruction in order to account for the relative growth of the students during the pandemic as further delineated above. The student performance on the diagnostic assessments will be benchmarked against their performance on the assessment administered at the end of the school year in order to measure student growth, taking into consideration prior academic history, ELL status and SWD status. The District will administer the MAP assessment three times during the school year to allow for immediate adjustments to instruction based on the information.

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.**

MAP sets its own growth targets based on student baseline performance. Rigorous and comparable measures will be maintained by adhering to timelines for administration of the selected assessment to benchmark student growth. The data obtained from these formative assessments will be used to inform instruction and professional development.

Principals will be working closely with teachers to ensure that instructional time is maximized, based on the data, and that maximum growth is achieved for students under the circumstances working in the CoVid environment.

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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 District will work with teachers to understand the data and use it to inform professional learning opportunities and student instruction. The Measures of Academic Performance does have a correlation to state level proficiency and the District will use that information to support teachers and drive student instruction.

We have been using MAP for years and have been having associated professional development opportunities through workshops, conference days, etc. We meet as a school to discuss trends. The principals and the director of curriculum meets with small groups and individual teachers throughout the year to ensure understanding of the data and to inform decisions moving forward at the school, grade level, classroom, and even at the student level.

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 Measures of Academic Progress has been given three times a year for almost ten years now. We examine and use both short and long term data to drive instructional decision making, long term goals, short term goals, and evaluate progress of our curriculums and systems. This data has been incredibly meaningful to us as a District and will continue to be our main point of academic growth information for years to come.

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.

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Task 3. TEACHERS: Optional Student Performance - Variance Request

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☒ A variance is not requested for the optional student performance subcomponent for teachers.

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

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

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Applicable Teachers

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

Core Teachers

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

	All Core Teachers	Common Branch	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All core teachers (K-3; 4-8 ELA, math, science, social studies; high school ELA and Regents courses) [if this option is selected, please do not make selections in subsequent columns]					

Other Teachers

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

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

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above
K-3 Art	K	3	Art
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives

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

Grade From	Grade To	Subject
K	8	All courses not named above

Applicable Areas

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

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

Please indicate the area(s) of the teacher observation subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.

- ☒ Teacher observation subcomponent weighting
- ☒ Required principal/supervisor observations
- ☒ Required independent evaluator observations

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Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting**Please indicate the weight of each observation type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

Principal/Administrator	Independent Evaluator(s)	Peer Observer(s)	Group for which this weighting will apply. If the indicated weighting will be used for all teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section, note "All Teachers."
100	0	0	Tenured Teachers
80	20	0	Probationary Teachers

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Task 4. TEACHERS: Observations - Required Principal/Supervisor Observations

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Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained AdministratorsAt least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or another trained administrator.

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

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

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (check all that apply)	Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live	(No Response)
Totals:	1		

To which teachers does the information in the above table apply?☒ A subgroup of teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section (provide details below).

Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table above applies (i.e., probationary teachers), then complete the next page for an additional subgroup.

Probationary Teachers

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Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained AdministratorsAt least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or another trained administrator.**Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table below applies (i.e., tenured teachers).**

Tenured Teachers

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method of observation, in the table below.**If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.**

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (<i>check all that apply</i>)	Other observation method (<i>only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column</i>)
Unannounced	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Totals:	1		

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Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)**Independent Evaluator Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

Number and Method of Observation

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below. At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

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

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (check all that apply)	Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Totals:	1		

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

- ☒ A subgroup of teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section (provide details below).

Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table above applies (i.e., probationary teachers), then complete the next page for an additional subgroup.

Probationary Teachers

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Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)**Number and Method of Observation**

Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table below applies (i.e., tenured teachers).

Tenured Teachers

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below. At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

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

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (check all that apply)	Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Totals:	0		

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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 teacher observation variance request.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the constant state of flux the buildings are in, the district and the association have agreed to a streamlined observation process for the 2020-21 school year in order to focus additional time and energy on professional development related to enhancing the pedagogy of educators in the in-person, hybrid and virtual instructional models.

For the safety of our staff and students, due to potential CoVid exposure, we are removing the independent evaluator from the tenured teachers.

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 and/or evidence of teacher practice that will be used to evaluate educators.**

The approach taken by the district for the 2020-21 school year is to appraise tenured educators with an eye towards informing professional development, which is accomplished best by utilizing unannounced observations. This will truly provide a manner to see what is most critical to inform targeted professional development. Probationary educators will still be appraised based upon announced and unannounced observations conducted by their lead evaluator/other trained administrator and we will emphasize the ability to focus on the ability for educators to enhance their skills in transitioning between the in-person, hybrid and remote instructional models through participation in a professional learning community with targeted professional development to inform instruction for students.

We are having informal conferences and conversations throughout the year with teachers on the new instructional methods and procedures and their effectiveness due to the CoVid pandemic. Teachers are trying a lot of new things and through informal conversations, we are shaping their instruction. We have a 3-hour delay on Mondays to allow for these conversations and work.

Probationary teachers will still receive an independent evaluation, as it is important they receive support and feedback from multiple administrators as they are still new to the career.

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.**

Rigor will be achieved and maintained by ensuring that evidence-based observation is still used to appraise the observable teaching standards. Data from formative and summative assessment shall still be used to inform instruction, and the district will make decisions regarding professional development needs based upon the rigorous evaluation processes that exist. The District is committed to educational excellence, honing technological skills that will improve teacher practice and pedagogy and will foster a culture of learning for our teachers as they continue to navigate these unusual times.

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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 District looks at observation data both within a school year and across school years to inform individual goals, building level goals, and district-wide goals. The District did a yearlong deep dive into studying the Danielson rubric and continues that work in grade level, department level, building, and district wide discussions. The rubric is the basis for all discussions during the observation process and even when not engaged in the process.

The evidence collected from the observations will help us develop specific, targeted staff development for individual and groups of teachers. This will be done through individual conference with teachers, faculty meetings, and administrative team meetings.

In addition, when open for in-person instruction, student arrival is delayed by 3 hours on Monday mornings in order to utilize this time for professional learning and conversation.

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 District will continue to work with its teachers to encourage use of diagnostic data from formative assessments to inform instruction, and to measure student learning. Results will be used to inform the need to differentiate instruction and to inform short-term and long-term goals on the individual and macro levels.

The evidence collected from the observations will help us develop specific, targeted staff development for individual and groups of teachers. This will be done during Monday mornings, individual conference with teachers, faculty meetings, and administrative team meetings.

The data will be evaluated regularly and additional observations will be added as necessary based upon individual teacher performance.

Observation Assurances

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

- ☒ **Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be consistent with the process described in the LEA's approved APPR plan and/or this variance application and in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.**
- ☒ **Assure that once all observations are complete, the process for determining an overall Teacher Observation category score and rating will incorporate the evidence collected across all observations to produce an overall Teacher Observation category rating on a HEDI scale.**
- ☒ **Assure that it is possible for a teacher to obtain any number of points in the applicable scoring ranges, including zero, in each subcomponent.**

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 5. TEACHERS: Overall Scoring - Variance Request**

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☒ A variance is not requested for category ratings for teachers.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 6. TEACHERS: Additional Requirements - Variance Request**

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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

Choose the appropriate response below.

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

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Variance Request**

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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

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

Choose the appropriate response below.

- ☐ A variance is not requested for the required student performance subcomponent for principals.
- ☒ The details of the variance request for the required student performance subcomponent for principals is described in the subsequent section.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Applicability**

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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".

Grade From	Grade To
K	3
4	8

Applicable Areas**A variance may be requested for the following areas of the required student performance subcomponent:**

- 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*

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.*

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
								1	1	1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
								2	1	0										
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	9		
97-	93-	90-	85-	80-	75-			5	9	4	9	4	9	5	1	7	3	5	0	
100%	96%	92%	89%	84%	79%	67-74%	60-66%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
								5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	8	4
								9	4	8	3	8	3	8	4	0	6	2	%	%
								%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Measures of Student Growth**

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Measures of Student Growth

Describe the measure(s) that will be used to evaluate principals for the required student performance subcomponent (e.g., goal setting process; demonstration of student growth).

The District and the Association agree to use Measures of Academic Progress ELA and Math as a District-wide measure of student growth for all principals evaluated pursuant to education law section 3012-d for the 2020-21 school year.

A 0-20 point score and corresponding HEDI rating shall be provided based upon the percentage of students district-wide that have met their growth targets as delineated within the teacher Student Learning Objectives.

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Evidence of Student Learning**

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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.

Type(s) of Evidence☒ Third party assessment(s)**Third Party Assessment(s)**☒ MAP Growth (content-specific)**If a third party assessment is not listed, identify below.**

(No Response)

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Variance Details, Weighting & Assurances**

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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.**

Principals need timely, accurate assessment information now more than ever to be able to help teachers to ensure students are learning. Remote learning is brand new to students and to teachers and so this will allow more accurate diagnostic information in a timely manner so principals can make building decisions accordingly. It will be easier to administer the MAP assessment during the time of CoVid. Student learning is always relative to the individual learning characteristics of each student, and Measures of Academic Progress embeds the student's own relative performance within the growth goal.

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.**

ELA and/or Math (depending upon whether the teacher is common branch or departmentalized) Measures of Academic progress assessment results will be used to inform student growth in order to account for the relative growth of the students during the pandemic as further delineated above. The student performance on the diagnostic assessments will be benchmarked against their performance on the assessment administered at the end of the school year in order to measure growth, taking into consideration prior academic history, ELL status and SWD status. The District will administer the MAP assessment three times during the school year to allow for immediate adjustments to instruction based on the information.

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.**

Rigorous and comparable measures will be maintained by adhering to timelines for administration of the selected assessment to benchmark student growth. The data obtained from these formative assessments will be used to inform instruction and professional development. District administrators will work with principals, who in turn will be working closely with teachers to ensure that instructional time is maximized, based on the data, and that maximum growth is achieved for students under the circumstances working in the CoVid environment.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. PRINCIPALS: Required Student Performance - Variance Details, Weighting & Assurances**

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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 District will work with principals to understand the data and use it to inform professional learning opportunities and support teachers with student instruction. The Measures of Academic Performance does have a correlation to state level proficiency and the District will use that information to support principals and drive student instruction.

We have been using MAP for years and have been having associated professional development opportunities through workshops, conference days, etc. We meet as a district to discuss trends. The director of curriculum meets with principals throughout the year to ensure understanding of the data and to inform decisions moving forward at the school, grade level, classroom, and even at the student level.

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 Measures of Academic Progress has been given three times a year for almost ten years now. We examine and use both short and long term data to drive instructional decision making, long term goals, short term goals, and evaluate progress of our curriculums and systems. This data has been incredibly meaningful to us as a District and will continue to be our main point of academic growth information for years to come.

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.

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Task 8. PRINCIPALS: Optional Student Performance - Variance Request

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☒ A variance is not requested for the optional student performance subcomponent for principals.

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Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Variance Request

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- ☒ The details of the variance request for the principal school visit category is described in the subsequent section.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Applicability & Rubric**

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Applicable Principals

Please indicate all principals to whom this principal school visit variance request applies.

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

Grade From	Grade To
K	3
4	8

Applicable Areas**A variance may be requested for the following components of the principal school visit subcomponent:**

- Principal practice rubric
- Rating and scoring of the principal practice rubric
- Weighting of the domains/subcomponents of the principal practice rubric
- HEDI scoring bands
- Weighting of the principal school visit subcomponents
- Required supervisor/administrator school visits
- Required independent evaluator school visits
- Optional peer school visits

If none of the above components are applicable to the requested variance, please select the last option and complete the next page in a manner that clearly and thoroughly describes the process of evaluating principal practice.**Please indicate the area(s) of the principal school visit subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.**

- ☒ Principal school visit subcomponent weighting
- ☒ Required supervisor/administrator school visits
- ☒ Required independent evaluator school visits

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-dTask 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Subcomponent Weighting

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Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting**Please indicate the weight of each school visit type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

Superintendent/Administrator	Independent Evaluator(s)	Peer Principal(s)	Group for which this weighting will apply. If the indicated weighting will be used for all principals listed in the 'Applicability' section, note "All Principals."
100	0	0	All Principals

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Required Supervisor/Administrator School Visits**

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Required Subcomponent 1: School Visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrators

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by supervisor(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method used, in the table below.

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

	Minimum number of school visits	School visit method (check all that apply)	Other school visit method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Totals:	1		

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

☒ All principals listed in the 'Applicability' section.

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Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Required Independent Evaluator School Visits

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Required Subcomponent 2: School Visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)**Independent Evaluator Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

Number and Method of School Visit

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method used, in the table below.

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

	Minimum number of school visits	School visit method(<i>check all that apply</i>)	Other school visit method(<i>only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column</i>)
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Totals:	0		

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

- ☒ All principals listed in the 'Applicability' section.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Variance Details & Assurances**

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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 principal school visit variance request.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the constant state of flux the buildings are in, the district and the association have agreed to a streamlined observation process for the 2020-21 school year in order to focus additional time and energy on professional development related to enhancing the pedagogy of administrators to lead educators in the in-person, hybrid and virtual instructional models.

For the safety of our staff and students, due to potential CoVid exposure, we are removing the independent evaluator from principals.

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 and/or evidence of principal practice that will be used to evaluate educators.**

The approach taken by the district for the 2020-21 school year is to appraise administrators with an eye towards informing professional development, which is accomplished best by utilizing unannounced observations. This will truly provide a manner to see what is most critical to inform targeted professional development.

Virtual synchronous online visitations (e.g. faculty meetings and other virtual synchronous activities), as well as in-person school visits may be used to inform the school visit category rating.

For safety reasons due to CoVid, we are removing all independent evaluator observations for principals. In order to ensure each principals end of year rating is not based on a sole visit, the observer will also incorporate information from natural conversations and informal, as well as formal, meetings that occur throughout the school year. This will be done in order to ensure that all observable Domains/ISLLC standards are annually appraised.

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.**

Rigor will be achieved and maintained by ensuring that evidence-based observation is still used to appraise the observable Domains/ISLLC standards. Building-level data will be used to drive instructional leadership decisions, and the district will make decisions regarding professional development needs based upon the rigorous evaluation process which will include discussions specific to the rubric itself and the individual principals performance as compared to the rubric measures. The District is committed to educational excellence, honing technological skills that will improve building leadership skills as well as teacher pedagogy and will foster a culture of learning during these unprecedented times.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Variance Details & Assurances**

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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 District will provide professional development to enhance the building leadership skills that are critical to maintain educational excellence in the in-person, hybrid and virtual instructional models, based upon trends that are seen across the school visit(s) conducted by the lead evaluators/other trained administrators during the course of the school year. The District will utilize administrative team meetings to discuss efficacy of practice and opportunities for professional growth, while continuing to use the individualized feedback from the school visit(s) to help inform personalized professional development.

Administrative team meetings occur weekly. The time is used for informational purposes, but also for professional learning and conversation.

The evidence collected from the observations will help us develop specific, targeted support for administrators. This will be done during individual conference with district administrators and admin meetings.

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 District will collect and analyze data from the school visit process and from administrative meetings to analyze the extent to which building leaders are furthering the instructional goals of the buildings and supporting the needs of the District's professional learning communities. Building leaders will work with their faculty and staff to analyze and use formative and diagnostic data to inform the need to differentiate instruction and to inform short-term and long-term goals on the individual and macro levels.

The data will be evaluated regularly and additional observations may be added as necessary based upon individual principal performance.

Principal School Visit Assurances

Please check each of the boxes below as applicable to all principals included in this principal school visit variance request.

- ☒ **Assure that the process for assigning points for the Principal School Visit category will be 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.**
- ☒ **Assure that once all school visits are complete, the process for determining an overall Teacher Observation category score and rating will incorporate the evidence collected across all school visits to produce an overall Principal School Visit category rating on a HEDI scale.**
- ☒ **Assure that it is possible for a principal to obtain any number of points in the applicable scoring ranges, including zero, in each subcomponent.**

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Task 10. PRINCIPALS: Overall Scoring - Variance Request

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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

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☒ A variance is not requested for category ratings for principals.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d

Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Variance Request

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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

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Variance, Education Law §3012-d**Task 12. Joint Certification of APPR Variance - Applicability and Certification**

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Applicability of Variance**Need for Variance****Please make the appropriate selection below.**

- ☒ The submission of this variance application is prompted by the impact of COVID-19 on the LEA.

Instructional Model

- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if an in-person instructional model is implemented.
- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if a remote instructional model is implemented.
- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if a hybrid instructional model is implemented.
- ☒ The processes identified in this variance application apply regardless of the instructional model implemented.

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

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.

signatures.pdf

APPR Variance Certification Form.pdf

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

Assurances: Please check the boxes below

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

Signatures, dates

Superintendent Signature:

Date:

Sarah Hadden 12/9/20

Superintendent Name (print):

Sarah Hadden

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

Muhammad Joseph Rasmie DiBenedicti 12/9/20

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Christine Ackerman, Superintendent
Greenwood Lake Union Free School District
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Dear Superintendent Ackerman:

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: William Hecht

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. Accordingly, please note that since your APPR plan is approved for use during the 2015-16 school year, your district/BOCES must describe the alternate SLOs used by affected teachers and principals beginning in the 2016-17 school year using a supplemental form submitted to the Department no later than March 1, 2017. The Department strongly encourages your district/BOCES to submit this supplemental form prior to the beginning of the 2016-17 school year to ensure that your alternate SLOs are in place for all affected teachers and principals as early as possible

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 1. School District Information - Tasks 1.1, 1.2**

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

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Task 2. Original Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Original Tasks 2.1 (Assurances), 2.2 (4-8 ELA/Math)

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.

	Grade 4 ELA	Grade 4 Math
State Assessment	Grade 4 ELA	Grade 4 Math

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	Grade 5 ELA	Grade 5 Math
State Assessment	Grade 5 ELA	Grade 5 Math

	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 6 Math
State Assessment	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 6 Math

	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 7 Math
State or Regents Assessment(s)	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 7 Math

	Grade 8 ELA	Grade 8 Math
State or Regents Assessment(s)	Grade 8 ELA	Grade 8 Math and Common Core Algebra

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Task 2. Original Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Original Tasks 2.3 (3 ELA/Math), 2.4 (4/8 SCI)

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.

	Grade 3 ELA	Grade 3 Math
State Assessment	Grade 3 ELA	Grade 3 Math

2.4) Grades 4 and 8 Science: Assessments (Original)**STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Courses Ending with State Assessments or Regents Exams**For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

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(s) that will be used for the SLOs for the grade/subject listed.

	Grade 4 Science	Grade 8 Science
State or Regents Assessment(s)	Common branch	Grade 8 Science and Living Environment

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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.

	Global 2	US History
Regents Assessment	Not applicable	Not applicable

	Living Environment	Earth Science	Chemistry	Physics
Regents Assessment	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II/Trigonometry
Regents Assessment(s)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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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	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course- Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
9 ELA	Not applicable			
10 ELA	Not applicable			
11 ELA	Not applicable			
12 ELA	Not applicable			

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 2. Original Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Original Task 2.7 (K-2 ELA/Math)****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.

	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K ELA	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 ELA		
K Math	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Math		
1 ELA	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 ELA		
1 Math	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Math		
2 ELA	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 ELA		
2 Math	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Math		

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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.

	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
6 Science	School- or program-wide group, team or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		
7 Science	School- or program-wide group, team or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		
6 Social Studies	School- or program-wide group, team or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		
7 Social Studies	School- or program-wide group, team or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		
8 Social Studies	School- or program-wide group, team or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		

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Task 2. Original Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Original Tasks 2.8 (6-8 SCI/SS) 2.9 (Global 1)

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.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 Global Studies 1.

	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
Global 1	Not applicable			

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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.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject	(4) measure	(5-6) assessment(s)
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above	District- or BOCES-wide results	Common Core English, Common Core Algebra
K-3 Art	K	3	Art	Teacher-specific results	Questar III BOCES
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives	School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results	All Regents given in building/district

To add additional courses, click "Add Row".

Grade From	Grade To	Subject	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	8	ELL	Teacher-specific results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NYSESLAT		
K	3	All courses not named above	School- or program-wide group, team, or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Math		
4	8	All courses not named above	School- or program-wide group, team, or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		

2.11) HEDI Scoring Bands

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Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 2. Transition Student Performance - Required (Teachers) - Task 2 Alternate SLOs****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.

Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)	Applicable Course(s)
District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Science			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Math
School- or program-wide group, team, or linked results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 Math

2.10) Alternate SLOs: All Other Courses (Transition Period, 2016-17 through 2018-19)

If the option, "Other Courses as listed in Original Task 2.10" does not apply, please leave that box unchecked in the table above and use the table below to add courses.

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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 other teachers not named above".

For other courses indicate the following:

- 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.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject	(4) measure	(5-6) assessment(s)
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above	District- or BOCES-wide results	Common Core English, Common Core Algebra
K-3 Art	K	3	Art	Teacher-specific results	QeSTAR III BOCES
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives	School- or program-wide, group, team, or linked results	All Regents given in building/district

Please note: NYS Grades 3-8 ELA/Math Assessments and State-provided growth scores may only be used for advisory purposes during the transition period and cannot be used for calculating transition scores and ratings during the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years. If such assessments are selected for the original SLO and there are not remaining measures in the Student Performance category for an educator, an alternate SLO must be included for that educator here.

Grade From	Grade To	Subject	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	3	All courses not named above	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Science		

2.11) HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 3.1. Optional Subcomponent Use (Teachers) - Task 3.1 (Subcomponent Use and Weighting)**

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 4. Teacher Observation Category - Tasks 4.1-4.6**

For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

4.1) Teacher Practice Rubric

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

Rubric Name	If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of teachers each rubric applies to.
Danielson's Framework for Teaching (2011 Revised Edition)	(No Response)

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).

Each observed component of the teacher practice rubric will receive a 1-4 rating during each observation. All observed components will be weighted equally and averaged. The 1-4 scores will be weighted based on the information provided in task 4.5 below.

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 check the box below in the event that your district/BOCES is granted an annual Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department.

- ☒ Assure that if the district is granted an annual 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.

Teacher Observation Scoring Bands

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	Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	1.49 to 1.74

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.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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%.

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Required - Principal/ Administrator	Required - Independent Evaluator(s)	Optional - Peer Observer(s)	Grades and subjects for which Peer Observers will be used
80%	20%	N/A	(No Response)

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.
- ☒ 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

	Required - Principal/ Administrator: Minimum observations	Required - Principal/ Administrator: Observation method	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Minimum observations	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Observation method	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Minimum observations	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Observation method
Unannounced	0	In person	1	In person	0	N/A
Announced	1	In person	0	N/A	0	N/A

Probationary Teachers

	Required - Principal/ Administrator: Minimum observations	Required - Principal/ Administrator: Observation method	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Minimum observations	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Observation method	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Minimum observations	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Observation method
Unannounced	0	In person	1	In person	0	N/A
Announced	2	In person	0	N/A	0	N/A

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Task 5. Overall Scoring (Teachers) - Tasks 5.1-5.3

For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

5.1) Scoring Ranges

Student Performance

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

	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20
E	15	17
D	13	14
I	0	12

Teacher Observation

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

	Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	1.49 to 1.74

5.2) Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

		Teacher Observation Category			
		Highly Effective (H)	Effective (E)	Developing (D)	Ineffective (I)
Student Performance Category	Highly Effective (H)	H	H	E	D
	Effective (E)	H	E	E	D
	Developing (D)	E	E	D	I
	Ineffective (I)	D*	D*	I	I

* 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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 6. Additional Requirements (Teachers) - Tasks 6.1-6.9**

For more information on the additional requirements for teachers, see NYSED APPR Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

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.

TIP FORM STATE ED.docx

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.

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Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be handled in a timely and expeditious way.

1. Appeals Process:

A. Any teacher who receives an ineffective or developing overall APPR rating shall be entitled to appeal his/her annual APPR rating, based upon a paper submission (including email) to the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designated Administrator, who shall be adequately trained and certified, in the evaluation rubric, trained in accordance with the requirements of statute and regulations and who possesses an appropriate administrative Certification. In the event that the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designated Administrator served as an evaluator or lead evaluator he/she shall not hear the appeal.

B. The appeal must be brought in writing (including email), specifying the area(s) of concern, but limited to those matters that may be appealed as prescribed in Section 3012-d of the Education Law. A copy of the appeal shall be sent to the GLTA President(s), unless the unit member objects to the same.

The areas of concern as referenced above for which a teacher who is rated ineffective on his/her APPR may bring an appeal are:

1. The substance of the annual professional performance review, including where a teacher is rated ineffective in the Student Performance Category but rated highly effective in the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;
2. The District's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for the APPR;
3. The adherence to the Part 30 Regents Rules; and/or
4. Compliance with the locally negotiated procedures that govern the APPR.

Further, a teacher who is placed on a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) shall have a corresponding right to appeal concerns regarding the TIP upon the District's issuance and/or implementation of a TIP (where applicable), in accordance with the requirements of Section 3012-d of the Education Law.

C. An appeal of a composite APPR rating or a TIP must be commenced within ten (10) school days of the presentation of the document to the teacher or else the right to appeal shall be deemed waived in all regards.

D. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designated Administrator shall respond to the appeal with a written answer granting the appeal and directing further administrative action or denying the appeal. The Superintendent or his/her designated Administrator shall review the evidence underlying the observations of the teacher along with all other evidence submitted by the teacher prior to rendering a decision. Such decision shall be made within ten (10) school days of the receipt of the appeal.

E. The decision of the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designated Administrator, so long as the decision is made within the timeframe set forth in paragraph D, shall be final and binding in all regards and shall not be subject to review at arbitration, before any administrative agency or in any court of law. In the event that the decision is not rendered within the timeframe set forth in paragraph D, the appeal shall be sustained.

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.

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Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.

Lead evaluators, evaluators and independent observers will receive training required by Education Law Section 3012-d and the Rules of the Board of Regents. Peer observers are not being used in this APPR plan.

Lead evaluators will be certified by the Board of Education after having received training to meet the following criteria required for Lead Evaluators required by Part 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

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

Independent evaluators shall receive training on the following elements:

- (1) the New York State Teaching Standards and their related elements and performance indicators;
- (2) evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research; and
- (3) application and use of the State-approved teacher rubrics selected by the district for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher's practice;

Independent evaluators will be certified by the Superintendent upon completion of the above-stated training, and re-certified by the Superintendent on a periodic, as-needed basis.

Lead evaluators will be recertified periodically by the Board of Education on a periodic, as-needed basis, after receipt of training necessary for such recertification.

A minimum of six (6) hours of training will be received prior to an administrator being certified as a lead evaluator and a minimum of three (3) hours of training will be received prior to an independent evaluator being certified.

The District will ensure that all evaluators maintain inter-rater reliability via annual calibration sessions across evaluators and periodic comparisons of a lead evaluator's assessment with those conducted by other evaluators.

6.7) Assurances: Teacher Evaluation

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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.
- ☒ 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.

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. Original Student Performance - Required (Principals) - Original Task 7.1 (State-Provided Growth Measures)****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, 6-8, 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, 6-8, 6-12, 7-12, 9-12). For each configuration, also indicate assessment(s) used for the back-up SLO beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

For each grade configuration indicate the following:

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

Follow the examples below.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) assessment(s)
Grades K-6 Building	K	6	NYS Grade 4 ELA, NYS Grade 5 ELA, NYS Grade 6 ELA, NYS Grade 4 Math, NYS Grade 5 Math, NYS Grade 6 Math
Grades 7-12 Building	7	12	All Regents assessments which are used to generate the principal's State-provided growth score

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 From	Grade To	State or Regents Assessment(s)
4	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Math

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. Original Student Performance - Required (Principals) - Original Tasks 7.2 (SLOs), 7.3-7.6****7.2) Student Learning Objectives (Original)**

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

SLOs must be used for principals in buildings or programs in which fewer than 30% of students take Grades 4-8 ELA, math, and/or high school courses with State or Regents assessments. SLOs will be developed using the grades/courses covering the most students in the school or program and continuing until at least 30% of students in the school or program are covered by SLOs. The district/BOCES must select the type of assessment that will be used with the SLO from the options below.

- If any grade/course in the building has a State-provided growth measure AND the principal must have SLOs because fewer than 30% of students in the building are covered, then the SLOs must begin first with the SGP results.
- Additional SLOs must then be set based on grades/subjects with State assessments for which there is no State-provided growth measure, where applicable.
- If additional SLOs are necessary, principals must begin with the grade(s)/course(s) that have the largest number of students using school-wide student results from one of the following assessment options:
- State-approved 3rd party assessment; or
- State-approved district, regionally, or BOCES-developed course-specific assessment.

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.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) measure	(4) assessment(s)
Grades K-2 Building	K	2	District- or BOCES-wide results	Common Core English, Common Core Algebra, Living Environment, Global 2, US History
Grades 11-12 Building	11	12	Principal-specific results	Common Core English, US History

Using the table below, please select the measure and assessment(s) that will be used for the SLOs for each grade configuration listed. During the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, SLOs that use

Grade From	Grade To	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	3	Principal-specific results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 ELA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Math		

7.3) HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective	Effective	Developing	Ineffective
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20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

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

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

Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

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

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

7.5) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

7.6) Student Performance Subcomponent Weighting

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

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

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 7. Transition Student Performance - Required (Principals) - Task 7 Alternate SLOs****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.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) measure	(4) assessment(s)
Grades K-2 Building	K	2	District- or BOCES-wide results	Common Core English, Common Core Algebra, Living Environment, Global 2, US History
Grades 11-12 Building	11	12	Principal-specific results	Common Core English, US History

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

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Task 7. Transition Student Performance - Required (Principals) - Task 7 Alternate SLOs

Grade From	Grade To	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-Developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	3	District- or BOCES-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 Science		
4	8	Principal-specific results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment		

7.3) HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

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>.

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 8.1. Optional Subcomponent Use (Principals) - Task 8.1 (Subcomponent Use and Weighting)**

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 9. Principal School Visit Category - Tasks 9.1-9.6**

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.

Rubric Name	If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of principals each rubric applies to.
Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric	(No Response)

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).

A 1-4 rating shall be provided based upon the visits conducted by the lead evaluator (based upon the evidence collected and observed throughout the school year) and a 1-4 rating will be provided based upon the visit conducted by the independent trained evaluator. All ratings will be weighted equally and averaged within the respective sub-components of the school visit category. The 1-4 scores will be weighted based upon the information provided in task 9.5 below.

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 check the box below in the event that your district/BOCES is granted an annual Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department.

- ☒ Assure that if the district is granted an annual 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.

Principal School Visit Scoring Bands

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	Overall School Visit Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	1.49 to 1.74

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.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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%.

Required - Supervisor/ Adminstrator	Required - Independent Evaluator(s)	Optional - Peer Observer(s)	Grade configurations for which Peer Observers will be used
90%	10%	N/A	(No Response)

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Task 9. Principal School Visit Category - Tasks 9.1-9.6

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.
- ☒ 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

	Required - Supervisor/ Administrator: Minimum school visits	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Minimum school visits	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Minimum school visits
Unannounced	0	1	0
Announced	1	0	0

Probationary Principals

	Required - Supervisor/ Administrator: Minimum school visits	Required - Independent Evaluator(s): Minimum school visits	Optional - Peer Observer(s): Minimum school visits
Unannounced	0	1	0
Announced	2	0	0

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Task 10. Overall Scoring (Principals) - Tasks 10.1-10.3

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.

	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20
E	15	17
D	13	14
I	0	12

Principal School Visit Category

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

	Overall School Visit Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	1.49 to 1.74

10.2) Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

		Principal School Visit Category			
		Highly Effective (H)	Effective (E)	Developing (D)	Ineffective (I)
Student Performance Category	Highly Effective (H)	H	H	E	D
	Effective (E)	H	E	E	D
	Developing (D)	E	E	D	I
	Ineffective (I)	D*	D*	I	I

* 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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 11. Additional Requirements (Principals) - Tasks 11.1-11.9**

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.

PRINCIPAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FORM - GWL Admin Association.docx

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 11. Additional Requirements (Principals) - Tasks 11.1-11.9**

Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be handled in a timely and expeditious way.

1. Appeals Process

A. Any principal who receives an “ineffective” or “developing” overall APPR rating, shall be entitled to appeal his/her annual APPR rating. The appeal shall be based upon a paper submission to the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent’s administrative designee, who shall be trained in accordance with the requirements of the statute and regulations and also possess an district-wide administrative Certification. While an appeal may not be commenced until the principal’s receipt of his/her annual composite APPR rating, nothing herein shall prevent a principal from informally discussing the School Visit Category rating or the Student Performance Category rating with the Superintendent of Schools prior to the issuance of the composite APPR rating. In the event that a Superintendent or the Superintendent’s administrative designee was involved in the APPR evaluation process, the District and the Association shall mutually agree upon a different person to hear the appeal. Should there be a cost associated with the appeal, it shall be split by the District and the Association.

B. The appeal must be brought in writing, specifying the area(s) of concern, but limited to those matters that may be appealed as prescribed in Section 3012-d of the Education Law. Further, a principal who is placed on a Principal Improvement Plan (“PIP”) shall have a corresponding right to appeal concerns regarding the PIP in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 3012-d of the Education Law.

C. An appeal of an APPR evaluation or a PIP must be commenced within fourteen business days of the presentation of the final document to the principal or else the right to appeal shall be deemed waived in all regards; provided, however, that in the case of a PIP appeal, there shall be a second fourteen business day period for a PIP appeal following the end date of the PIP and failure to appeal the PIP within fourteen business days following the end date thereof shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal the implementation of the PIP. Notwithstanding the timeframes set forth above, all deadlines for initiating appeals shall be tolled by any planned vacation of the principal; provided, however, the appeal must be filed no later than 30 school days after receipt of the final evaluation.

D. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s administrative designee or other agreed upon person as noted in paragraph 1(A) above shall respond to all appeals with a written answer granting the appeal and directing further administrative action, or denying the appeal with the specific reason for the appeal denial. The decision shall be made within fourteen business days of the receipt of the appeal, provided that such period shall be tolled by any period of planned vacation. So long as the decision is made within the timeframe set forth in this paragraph, the decision shall be final and binding in all regards and shall not be subject to review at arbitration, before any administrative agency or in any court of law. In the event that the decision is not made within the timeframe set forth in this paragraph, the Appeal shall be sustained.

E. Notwithstanding the aforementioned language, nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of the employee to challenge any evaluation in any proceeding brought pursuant to Education Law Section 3020-b or an alternative disciplinary arbitration to the extent allowed by law.

*** Nothing in this appeals process shall in any way be construed to limit the unfettered right of the District to terminate probationary building principals subject to applicable laws and regulations, including during the pendency of an appeal for the performance that is the subject of the appeal.**

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.

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-d**Task 11. Additional Requirements (Principals) - Tasks 11.1-11.9**

Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.

Lead evaluators and independent observers will receive training required by Education Law Section 3012-d and the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Peer observers are not being used in this APPR plan.

Lead evaluators will be certified by the Board of Education after having received training to meet the following criteria required for Lead Evaluators required by Part 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

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

Independent evaluators shall receive training on the following elements:

- (1) the Leadership standards and their related functions, as applicable;
- (2) evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research; and
- (3) application and use of the State-approved principal rubrics selected by the district for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a principal's practice;

Independent evaluators will be certified by the Superintendent upon completion of the above-stated training, and re-certified by the Superintendent on a periodic, as-needed basis.

Lead evaluators will be recertified by the Board of Education on a periodic, as-needed basis, after receipt of training necessary for such recertification.

A minimum of six (6) hours of training will be received prior to an administrator being certified as a lead evaluator and a minimum of three (3) hours of training will be received prior to an independent evaluator being certified.

The District will ensure that all evaluators maintain inter-rater reliability via annual calibration sessions across evaluators and periodic comparisons of a lead evaluator's assessment with those conducted by other evaluators.

11.7) Assurances: Principal Evaluation

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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.
- ☒ 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.

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.

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Task 12. Joint Certification of APPR Plan - Upload Certification Form

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 Form.pdf

Annual Professional Performance Review - Education Law §3012-dAdditional Documents - Additional Documents

Additional Documents

The Department will not review any documents other than those required in the online form (Tasks 1-12).

Any additional documents 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 documents 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.

Upload Documents

Appendix - Teacher and Principal Appeals-2.docx

**TEACHER IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR TEACHERS SUBJECT TO SECTION 3012-d OF THE EDUCATION LAW AND
PART 30-3 OF THE REGENTS RULES**

(For a teacher who received an overall ineffective or developing APPR Rating)

1. The area(s) in need of improvement	2.The performance goals, expectations, benchmarks, standards and timeliness the teacher must meet in order to achieve an effective rating	3. How improvement will be measured and monitored, and provide for periodic reviews of progress and goal achievement	4. The anticipated frequency and duration of meetings of the teacher, administrator, and mentor (if one is assigned)

5. The appropriate differentiated professional development opportunities, materials, resources and supports the District will make available to assist the teacher, including, where appropriate, the assignment of a mentor teacher.

Teacher's Signature

Date of Completion (if applicable)

[] Completed

[] Not Completed

Administrator's Signature

Completion Date

Date

Teacher initials below:

____ Yes: Please send a copy of this TIP to the GLTA President(s); or

____ No: I do not want a copy of this TIP sent to the GLTA President(s)

PRINCIPAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FORM

(1) AREA(S) IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT	(2) TIME LIMIT FOR ACHIEVING IMPROVEMENT	(3) DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT	(4) MANNER OF ASSESSMENT OF IMPROVEMENT

Principal's Signature

Date

Evaluator's Signature

Date

Upon final evaluation at the terminal date of the PIP, the following has been determined:

[] PIP Completed Date of PIP Completion (if applicable) _____

[] PIP Not Completed

Principal's Signature

Date

Evaluator'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 2016-17 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 2016-17 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 2016-17 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 scoring 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 the entire APPR review 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 the district or BOCES shall compute and provide to the teacher/principal their score and rating on the Student Performance category, if available, for the Teacher Observation category or Principal School Visit Category for 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 2016-17 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 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years, any educators who receive a Developing or Ineffective rating on 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 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;
- 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:

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Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

R. DiBernardi M Joseph *6/2/16*

Administrative Union President Signature:

Date:

Matthew Sauer *6/2/16*

Board of Education President Signature:

Date:

Kell *6/2/16*