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Memorandum

To: All NYS P-TECH Cohort 5 Awardees

From: Christopher Fernando, Ph.D., Supervisor for Higher Education Programs

Date: May 1, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Guidance Regarding NYS P-TECH Cohort 5 Planning Period

In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis and our effort to give professionals and students the best possible learning and work-related experiences in PTECH, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) is extending the planning period for PTECH Cohort 5 awardees.

As you know, the original planning period was to begin on January 1, 2020 and **end on June 30, 2020**. However, the planning period is now extended to **end on June 30, 2021** (with Cohort 5 students to commence 9th grade in September 2021). This extension is granted using the amounts already awarded for the planning year; no additional grant funds are attached to this extension.

If your project planning has not been set back by the public health crisis and your project would like to begin implementation on July 1, 2020, please contact your NYSED liaison by May 15, 2020.

Our NYSED Program Office will provide further guidance as Cohort 5 moves forward through the planning period.

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