



TO: AP/IB Coordinators

FROM: Office of Curriculum and Instruction

RE: 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam Fee Waiver Program

DATE: June 22, 2020

Dear Coordinators of AP and IB Programs:

The COVID-19 outbreak has had a profound impact on the way we educate our students. The New York State Education Department (NYSED or the Department) recognizes and applauds the extraordinary work being done every day by New York's educators to address the learning needs of all students.

In the wake of the COVID-19 and as a part of the New York State's Division of Budget spending controls, State Agencies have been ordered to cease the initiation of new contracts or purchase orders for all but essential items and services necessary to protect the health, safety and security of employees and citizens, and to ensure the continuation of high priority operations and services.

While the 2020-21 Enacted Budget included a \$5.8 million appropriation for the reimbursement of 2020 AP and IB examination fee subsidies for low-income students, the State Education Department has not received authorization to make these funds available to schools. We will provide new information as we receive it.

Additional questions may be directed to Office of Curriculum and Instruction via email to emscurric@nysed.gov or via telephone at (518) 474-5922.