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Educator Evaluation Plan - Variance

Jill Heck, Superintendent
Royalton-Hartland Central School District
54 State Street
Middleport, NY 14105

Dear Superintendent Heck:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your educator evaluation plan ('plan') variance application meets the criteria outlined in section 30-3.16 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and has been approved. **Your variance is approved for the 2023-2024 school year(s).** As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided in your variance application, including the narrative descriptions, certifications, and assurances that are included in the application. During the approved term of this variance, your LEA will implement the variance along with all other remaining provisions of your approved plan. If any material changes are made to your approved plan and/or the terms of your approved variance, your LEA must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

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

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

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,



Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner

Attachment

c: Clark Godshall

NOTE:

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

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

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Educator Evaluation Variance (Education Law 3012-d)

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

At its October 2019 meeting, the Board of Regents amended sections 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents to allow LEAs to apply for a variance from Educator Evaluation plan requirements 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 Evaluation plan. However, please note that all other terms as are present in the LEA's currently approved plan will remain in effect and must be implemented without modification.

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

Variance Application Timeline

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

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

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

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

Variance Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Variance Applicability**Teacher Variance**

Please check each task included in the variance request for teachers.

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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 read the options below and check the appropriate box.

A variance is not requested for any subcomponent or category for principals; all principals will be evaluated using the currently approved Educator Evaluation plan.

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Teacher Observation Variance

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

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

Applicable Areas

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

- Required principal/supervisor and/or independent evaluator observations

Applicable Teachers

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

- If applicable, use the options in the 'Group of Teachers' column, OR select teachers individually in the columns to the right.

	Groups of Teachers	Common Branch	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Group 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All teachers(all grade levels, subjects and courses)					
Group 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group not applicable					
Group 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group not applicable					

Non-core/Elective Teachers

Please *only* check the box below if *none of the options for non-core/elective teachers in the table above are applicable* (e.g., teachers of art, music, and physical education use different measures and assessments).

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

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

In the table below, indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the observation method, and identify the corresponding group(s) from the applicability page.

- If there is only one group of applicable teachers for this teacher observation variance, select 'Group 1'.
- If all groups of applicable teachers use the same number and method of observations by principals or other trained administrators, select 'All applicable teachers listed'.
- Use 'Add Row' to list additional groups that correspond to the row from the applicable teachers table.

Applicable Teachers Row Groups	Subgroup of Applicable Teacher Group(s)	UNANNOUNCED	UNANNOUNCED Observation method	UNANNOUNCED Other observation method	ANNOUNCED	ANNOUNCED Observation method	ANNOUNCED Other observation method
<i>From the Task 4 'Applicability' page</i>	<i>If all selected teachers from the first column apply enter "All"</i>	Minimum number of observations	<i>Check all that apply</i>	<i>Only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column</i>	Minimum number of observations	<i>Check all that apply</i>	<i>Only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1	Optional for tenured teachers: Two out of every three years	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	(No Response)	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (add details in next column)	Self Directed Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1	Optional for tenured teachers in the third year of every three years	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	(No Response)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person	(No Response)

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)

At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

In the table below, indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the observation method, and identify the corresponding group(s) from the applicability page.

- If there is only one group of applicable teachers for this teacher observation variance, select 'Group 1'.
- If all groups of applicable teachers use the same number and method of observations by impartial independent trained evaluators, select 'All applicable teachers listed'.
- Use 'Add Row' to list additional groups that correspond to the row from the applicable teachers table.

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Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that independent evaluator(s), as applicable, 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), as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.

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Variance Details

Please read the questions below, answer each prompt in a concise manner, and identify the group(s) from the applicability page that correspond(s) to the information provided.

- If there is only one group of applicable teachers for this teacher observation variance, select 'Group 1'.
- If one response encompasses all groups of applicable teachers, select 'All applicable teachers listed'.
- Use 'Add Row' to list additional groups that correspond to the row from the applicable teachers table.

Rationale

Please provide a rationale for this variance request.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1	<p>In 2023-24 the Administration and Teachers' Association decided to apply for a variance that focused on a Self-Directed Plan to foster and promote the staff member's individual professional growth in closing learning gaps or social-emotional learning practices. Each self-directed plan will be written to be completed in one year. The teacher or team of teachers will determine a focus to help them develop lessons and strategies to close learning gaps or address social-emotional learning in their instruction. They will then work throughout the year to learn more and implement their learning during the school year. In the past, prior to APPR, the district found Self-Directed Plans to have great personal value to the teachers as they were able to choose the focus of their personal growth. By reimplementing this practice we would like to provide opportunities for teachers to work collaboratively, problem solve and try techniques to reach the many needs of their learners. Additionally, the work of the most recent years with observations has provided limited opportunity for growth with tenured teachers because the information normally captured during traditional observations for these experienced teachers is largely unchanging making it difficult to give feedback that improves instructional practice. With the self-directed plan, teachers will be reflective practitioners, who have the opportunity to rate themselves. John Hattie's research has shown that learners can be remarkably accurate at setting realistic growth targets for themselves and then assessing their own performance at meeting them. We have previously found that this is the case with teachers as reflective practitioners as well. With this form of review, it becomes a collaborative conversation rather than checkboxes. We know from prior experience that utilizing the SDP would provide teachers with authentic performance-based feedback that would provide teachers with actionable plans for improvement.</p> <p>This APPR variance will provide an opportunity for the evaluator to examine and evaluate elements from within the Danielson rubric beyond what is traditionally observed in a classroom visitation, such as planning, preparation, collegiality, collaboration, professionalism, and reflection on teaching practice. The evaluator will be able to compare the teacher's self-assessment to their own evaluation within the context of the Danielson rubric.</p>

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.

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<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1</p>	<p>Tenured teachers will have the option of completing a Self-Directed Plan (SDP) on a rotating basis 2 out of 3 years. In the third year, the observation format originally listed in the APPR plan above will be in effect with formal and informal observations. Depending on the number of tenured teachers interested in participating in the SDP, administration may divide the RHTA members into groups for a three-year rotation, that would include the following components on a rotating basis. See table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="428 709 1479 1686"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Group 1</th> <th>Group 2</th> <th>Group 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>Formal announced observation, unannounced observation</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> <td>Formal announced observation, unannounced observation</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> <td>SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information</td> <td>Formal announced observation, unannounced observation</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Teachers completing an SDP will have one announced observation by the lead evaluator. Additionally, if the lead evaluator feels it is necessary to get more information to evaluate the effectiveness of the SDP, the evaluator may stop into the classroom beyond the formal observation, when the work of the SDP is being completed. For the tenured teachers who select this process, the variance will act as an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver. The SDP will be weighted at 70% of the overall evaluation and the announced observation will be weighted at 30%. For the year where two observations will be conducted, the announced observation (done by the lead observer) will be weighted at 90% and the unannounced observation (done by independent</p>				Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Year 1	Formal announced observation, unannounced observation	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	Year 2	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	Formal announced observation, unannounced observation	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	Year 3	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	SDP - includes informal observation(s) with written documentations that may include but is not limited to: checklists, artifacts, student work, rubric based information	Formal announced observation, unannounced observation
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	<p>evaluator) will constitute 10%.</p> <p>All observations will be conducted using the same scoring process as defined in the APPR plan.</p> <p>On the years tenured teachers are doing an SDP, they will submit a plan to their assigned administrator by October 15th of the school year outlining the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Goal(s) and Objective(s) *List of Activities to meet objective(s) *Resources needed (if applicable) *Tentative Time Table *Method of Assessment <p>The parameters of the project will be approved if it addresses the District Goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan as well as anything addressing effective standards of instruction as outlined in the Danielson Rubric or any other research-based instructional practice that has evidence-based outcomes.</p> <p>RHTA members may work alone on the SDP or collaboratively with other members of a grade level or content based team. If members work in a collaborative group, only one plan and evaluation needs to be collected, however each member will need to receive an informal observation. In the case that the members are normally co-teaching, an informal observation of the teachers can be done at the same time.</p> <p>RHTA members may arrange an informal observation related to their plan with the administrator assigned to them. The documentation submitted regarding the SDP will serve as the pre-observation conference form to be reviewed during the pre-observation conference. The RHTA member(s) will discuss their SDP as related to the lesson and both the administrator and the member will sign off on the SDP. Should teachers want further feedback a follow up conference will be made available.</p> <p>At the end-of-the-year evaluation, the RHTA member(s) will submit a final self-evaluation, discussing their goal, achievement and possibility for future needs.</p> <p>Scoring will be as follows:</p> <p>The Self-Directed Plan will be evaluated using the Danielson Rubric, and evaluators will score the project using any of the elements within Domains 2 and 3 of the Danielson Rubric that are observed.</p> <p>The evidence that will be evaluated at the conclusion of the project may include, for example, student projects or assessment results, artifacts showing implementation of research-based professional learning, documentation from the observation and SDP review conversations and any other approved measures that show professional growth throughout the year. The project elements will be scored using a four-point rubric (4- highly effective, 3- effective, 2- developing, 1- ineffective.) The outcomes will provide a comprehensive measure of the teacher's knowledge and understanding of the SDP's impact on student learning. The evaluator will score evidence collected that aligns with the selected components of the designated rubric, using the standard rubric scale. Those components will be weighted equally and averaged to reach an overall score for the SDP. Both the Self-Directed Plan and observation will be conducted by the same</p>

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	<p>district administrator. We will be scoring the components using the performance levels in the Danielson Rubric. Regardless of the components that are specifically mentioned here, all teaching standards will be addressed between both the observation and the self-directed plan by the end of the school year.</p> <p>While collaboration and conversations will take place throughout the school year, the self-directed plan will be assigned a final score at the end of each school year based on the scoring process defined above. Additionally, probationary teachers will be observed under the terms of the full APPR plan, and will not be eligible to complete an SDP.</p>

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.

<p>Applicable Teachers Row Groups</p>	<p>This description should explain how rigor is achieved and maintained, including relevant processes and methodologies.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1</p>	<p>The quality and rigor of the SDP will be measured based on the teacher or team of teachers' ability to demonstrate knowledge gained as well as the impact on student learning as a result of the project implementation. The evaluator will use the presentation of project instructional artifacts and other evidence as listed above as evidence of teachers' knowledge or understanding of the impact on student learning in the scoring of the design elements within the Danielson <u>Evaluation Model</u>. Continuous personal assessment is a necessary component of professional growth. The goal of the annual review of performance is to provide an opportunity for tenured faculty members to reflect on the school year, acknowledge success and challenges, and identify goals and future activities that will lead to professional growth. The district will monitor state assessment and benchmark data in order to realize gains in student achievement based on this process. This process will ensure the rigor of the system through analysis of the performance-based outcomes described above, obtained through the implementation of the terms of the variance. The rigor of the proposed system will also be maintained through ongoing participation by evaluators at least annually with our local Orleans-Niagara BOCES, including activities to maintain inter-rater reliability such as collaborative review of scenarios and artifacts, and comparison of evaluative scores.</p>

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.

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<p>Applicable Teachers Row Groups</p>	<p>This description may include, but is not limited to, methodologies and procedures for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1</p>	<p>Annually, the district examines and interprets data to identify the top professional learning needs of teachers participating in an end-of-year survey. Additionally, evaluators will conduct a needs assessment to determine the necessary professional learning opportunities for teachers. The district will use this information collectively to provide targeted professional learning opportunities during opening days for teachers based on this data. The feedback from the professional learning days informs the district of ongoing professional growth and what would be best focused on in future professional learning projects. Furthermore, as research shows, the most effective model to provide professional learning is one where teachers learn in a cohort group, have the opportunity to try out what they are learning, and provide feedback to one another, hence the district's decision to allow teams to work in groups on this project. These learning and teaching experiences will be explicitly reflected in their professional learning project. We continue to enhance our district's professional learning plan to grow professional opportunities for teachers. Our differentiated model for professional learning continues to be successful in meeting the needs of our adult learners. In our model, expert teachers share best practices with their colleagues, problem-solve, and create support networks.</p> <p>The professional learning project allows teachers to hone their skills and improve their practice through a systematic, organized approach to professional learning to support student growth and achievement. Through implementing the innovative variance and the professional learning project, the District can provide more targeted, specific professional growth opportunities to teachers based on the essential knowledge and skills each teacher identifies as a need or an area for improvement. Administrators will use the information gleaned from both a needs assessment and professional learning projects to develop professional learning opportunities that will help support teachers in the improvement of their practice which ultimately has a positive impact on student performance and achievement. On an annual basis, we will review the SDPs that the teachers have selected and determine whether those processes may be beneficial to a greater group. In working through this process, we may be able to identify areas of need and solutions based approach that we may be able to duplicate in other areas. We will monitor and assess this work so as to offer programs on a greater scale at the district level. For example, a selected teacher or group of teachers may read a book, implement strategies that are suggested and may glean positive results. Should this apply to another teacher or group of teachers, the concept could be shared through our Director of Instructional Programming or instructional coaches in order to realize those positive results on a greater scale.</p>

Effectiveness of Implementation

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

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Applicable Teachers Row Groups	This description may include, but is not limited to, processes and procedures for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group 1	Evaluators are responsible for supervising instruction regularly, not just during an observation. Evaluators will continually assess how the addition of the professional learning project improves teaching and learning compared to the previous model. A teacher survey will be provided at the conclusion of each school year. This will provide the district with evidence of how this personalized professional learning project allowed for increased proficiency in the effectiveness of instruction. Administrators will evaluate student performance data, attendance data, graduation rate, and observation scores to compare the performance of these indicators to the previous school year. The District will also evaluate if there are additional quantifiers not previously provided to measure and inform student and teacher performance by utilizing the professional learning project.

Observation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box as applicable to all teachers included in this teacher observation variance request.

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

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Task 12. Joint Certification of Evaluation Variance - Applicability and Certification

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Applicability of Variance

Variance Duration

An Evaluation 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.

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Upload Educator Evaluation Variance Certification Form

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

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

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EDUCATOR EVALUATION VARIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, check the assurances, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Educator Evaluation 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 Educator Evaluation 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:

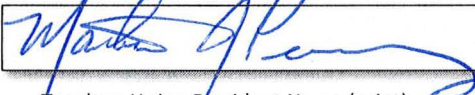
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Superintendent Name (print):

Jill Heck

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:


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Teachers Union President Name (print):

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Administrative Union President Signature:

Date:

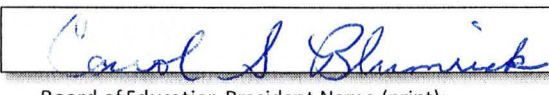
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Administrative Union President Name (print):

Gary Bell

Board of Education President Signature:

Date:

 2/1/2024

Board of Education President Name (print):

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Jill Heck, Superintendent
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Middleport, NY 14105

Dear Superintendent Heck:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your educator evaluation plan ("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 educator evaluation form, including the certifications and assurances that are part of your approved 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 Visit 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 Visit 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,

Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner

Attachment

c: Clark Godshall

NOTE:

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

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Disclaimers

For guidance related to Educator Evaluation plans, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms related to Educator Evaluation, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The Department will review the contents of each local educational agency's (LEA) Educator Evaluation 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 an LEA's plan.

The Department reserves the right to request further information from an LEA to monitor compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Each LEA is required to keep detailed records on file for each section of the currently implemented Educator Evaluation plan. Such detailed records must be provided to the Department upon request. The Department reserves the right to disapprove or require modification of an LEA's 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 LEA are for informational purposes only for the teachers and principals reviewed under this Educator Evaluation 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 Educator Evaluation plan approved by the Department. The Department also reserves the right to request further information from the LEA, as necessary, as part of its review of this plan.

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

Educator Evaluation Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the content of this form represents the LEA's entire Educator Evaluation plan and that the Educator Evaluation plan is in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that a detailed version of the LEA's entire Educator Evaluation 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 Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that this Educator Evaluation plan will be posted on the LEA's website 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 Educator Evaluation plan will be posted in its entirety on the NYSED website following approval.

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

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

Each teacher shall have a locally determined Student Learning Objective (SLO) consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.

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Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

SLOs shall be used as the required student performance measure for all teachers. The following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO.

MEASURES

SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.

Individually attributed measures

An individually attributed SLO is based on the student population of a course for which the teacher directly contributes to student learning outcomes.

> Individually attributed results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

Collectively attributed measures

A collectively attributed SLO is based on a student population across multiple sections of the same course or across multiple courses where more than one teacher either directly or indirectly contributes to student learning outcomes. When determining whether to use a collectively attributed SLO, the LEA should consider:

- identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where teachers have an opportunity to collectively impact student learning;
- identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);
- the impact on the LEA's ability to make strong and equitable inferences regarding an individual educator's effectiveness; and
- when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

> Collectively attributed results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program or students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.

> Collectively attributed group or team results: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses or students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

> Collectively attributed linked results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

ASSESSMENTS

Any of the measures above may be used with one or more of the following assessment types.

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- **State assessment(s)**; or

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Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:

- **third party assessments**; or
- **locally-developed assessments** (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).

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%

SLO Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that each teacher has an SLO as determined locally in a manner consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.
- Assure that all student growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined locally in a manner consistent with the Commissioner's goal-setting process. Such targets may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learner status and prior academic history.
- Assure that all student growth targets shall measure the change in a student's performance between the baseline and the end of the course.
- Assure that if a teacher's SLO is based on a small 'n' size population and the LEA chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed above, then the teacher's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in SLO 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 Educator Evaluation plan.
- Assure that for any SLO based, in part, on the New York State grade four science assessment, once the assessment is no longer administered the SLO will utilize only the remaining assessments.

Measures and Assessments

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Use the table below to list all applicable teachers with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).

Note on common branch/departmentalized options

Grades 4-8

- If all core content area instruction (ELA/math/science/social studies) is delivered by a single teacher, please select each applicable common branch grade level below.
- If core content area instruction is departmentalized (i.e., separate ELA, math, science, and social studies teachers), please select the applicable grade level/content area combination(s).
- If both common branch and departmentalized instruction occurs in a particular grade level, please select both options for the applicable grade level(s).

Grades K-3 that use both a common branch and departmentalized model

- Check each applicable common branch grade level below.
- On the non-core/elective teachers page, select the "Elementary" option for applicable subjects in the "Subject" column with the corresponding grade(s).

Choose "Add Row" to include an additional group of teachers with a different measure and assessment(s).

Applicable Teachers <i>Select all that apply</i>	Measure <i>Prior to making a selection, please read the description of each measure provided above.</i>	State or Regents Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Third Party Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Applicable School or BOCES-Program <i>Please leave blank unless instructed by the Department to complete this column.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All teachers(all grade levels, subjects and courses)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collectively attributed results (program, school or district-wide measure)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Regents given in LEA			(No Response)

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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 percentage of the Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent will be locally determined.

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.

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Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined 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 LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;
- Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments; or
- Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.

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.

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Teacher Observation Category

For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

Teacher Practice Rubric

Select a teacher practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess teacher practice based on the 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)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for teachers who teach different grades and/or subjects during the school year as indicated in the table above.
- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all observations of a classroom teacher across the observation types in a given school year.

Rubric Rating Process

For more information on the Teacher Observation category see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The following is one example of how an LEA might score teacher observations using the selected practice rubric: *Domains 1-4 of the Danielson rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 2 and 3 are weighted as 40% each, and Domains 1 and 4 are weighted as 10% each. For each observation, evidence is collected for all observed subcomponents in a domain. A holistic domain score is then determined for each teacher. These domain scores are weighted as indicated above to reach a final score for each observation. Scores for each observation are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each observation type. The LEA will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be addressed at least once across the observation cycle.*

Use the following section to describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the designation of components of the selected practice rubric as observable is locally negotiated.
- Assure that all components of the selected practice rubric designated as observable are assessed at least once and that each of the NYS Teaching Standards is covered across the total number of annual observations.
- Assure that a component designated as ineffective is rated one (1), a component designated as developing is rated two (2), a component designated as effective is rated three (3), and a component designated as highly effective is rated four (4).
- Assure that the process for assigning scores and/or ratings for each teacher observation is consistent with locally determined processes, including practice rubric component weighting consistent with the description in this plan.

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At what level are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) rated?

- Subcomponent level (each observable subcomponent receives a rating)

How are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) weighted?

- Each component is weighted equally and averaged

Scoring the Observation Category

If an evaluator conducts multiple observations of the same type, how are those observations weighted?

Examples of observations of the same type include but are not limited to:

- Two observations by the principal with one early in the school year weighted at 40% and one late in the school year weighted at 60%.
- Two observations by the principal, with one holistic score for each component of the rubric based on the preponderance of evidence over both observations.

Please note: Weighting across observation type (i.e. Principal vs. Independent Evaluator) are described in the following section.

- Multiple observations of the same type are weighted equally

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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 the next section, 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.

Teacher Observation Scoring Bands

The overall Observation score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on locally determined ratings consistent with the ranges listed.

	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	0.00*	1.49 to 1.74

* In the event that an educator earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

HEDI Ranges

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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.

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

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

- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

Required Subcomponent 2: 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%.

** The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

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

Principal/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer Observer(s) [Optional]	Group of teachers for which this weighting will apply <i>If only one group of teachers is applicable, please list "All teachers"</i>
90%	10%	0% (N/A)	All teachers

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Teacher Observation**The teacher observation category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.**

- The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.
 - Observations may occur in person, by live virtual observation, or by recorded video, as determined locally.
 - LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct observations in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.
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Required Subcomponents

- At least one of the required observations **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**

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

- At least one observation **must be conducted by the building principal or other trained administrator.**

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

- At least one observation **must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.**
- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the teacher being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers (e.g., teacher leaders on career ladder pathways), so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the teacher being evaluated.

* *The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)

- **If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer.**
- Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

Observation Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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; and/or use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
- Assure that the length of all observations for teachers will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
- Assure that at least one of the required observations will be unannounced.

Number and Method of Observation

- At least one of the required observations **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**
 - **Required Subcomponent 1: At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or other**
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trained administrator (supervisor).

- **Required Subcomponent 2:** At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).
- **Optional Subcomponent:** If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer (peer observer).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of observations and method of observation for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of Observations	Method of Observation <i>Select all that apply</i>
Announced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Unannounced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Announced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Unannounced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Announced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Unannounced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

Does the information in the table above apply to all teachers?

- Yes, all teachers receive the same number of observations of each type by the same method(s).

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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.

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Please also read the additional assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver, the second observation(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 4 of the LEA's approved Section 3012-d Educator Evaluation plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Peer Observation Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that peer observers, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observers, these teachers received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Category and Overall Ratings

For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Category Scoring Ranges

The overall Student Performance category score and the overall Observation category score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on the ranges listed in the tables below.

Student Performance			Teacher Observation		
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.			HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.		
	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating			Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20	H	3.5 to 3.75	4.00
E	15	17	E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	13	14	D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	12	I	0.00	1.49 to 1.74

Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

The overall rating for an educator shall be determined according to a methodology described in the matrix below.

		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

Category and Overall Rating Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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 LEA, each of whom received an Ineffective rating under Education Law Section 3012-d in the year immediately prior to the school year in which the student is placed in the teacher's classroom unless the LEA has a Department-approved waiver from this requirement.

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Additional Requirements

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

Teacher Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) for all teachers who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective 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 their 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.

Teacher Improvement Plan Forms

All TIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their 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 Educator Evaluation plan, upload the TIP forms that are used in the LEA.

Teacher TIP Plan.pdf

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Appeals Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.
- Assure that an appeal shall not be filed until a teacher's receipt of their overall rating.

Appeals

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

- (1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; 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 LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;
- (3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and
- (4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Please review your negotiated appeal process and use the table below to describe the appeal process available to teachers.

<p>Which groups of teachers may utilize the appeals process?</p> <p><i>Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns.</i></p> <p><i>To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</i></p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the teachers selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating.</p> <p><i>Select all that apply.</i></p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the teachers selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All teachers (Select this option ONLY if ALL teachers may appeal, including those who received a "Highly Effective" or "Effective" rating.)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: 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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-30 days</p>

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<p>Which groups of teachers may utilize the appeals process?</p> <p><i>Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns.</i></p> <p><i>To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</i></p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the teachers selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating.</p> <p><i>Select all that apply.</i></p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the teachers selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
	<p>required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher improvement plan, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p>	

If "Other" was selected in the table above, please list the corresponding row number and group(s) of teachers that may utilize the appeals process.

Row Number	Groups of teachers not specified in the table above that may utilize the appeals process.
(No Response)	(No Response)

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Training Assurance**Please read the assurance below and check the box.**

The LEA 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, at a minimum, elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

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 any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers
4. Application and use of the State-approved teacher rubric(s) selected by the LEA 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 LEA 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 LEA to evaluate its teachers
7. Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System
8. The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA 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
9. Specific considerations in evaluating teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities

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

For a definition of terms used in this section, please see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

Please answer the questions below to describe the training process for all evaluators.

Evaluator Training**Please describe how training and retraining evaluators is conducted.****Check all that apply.**

As a component district, training is conducted by, or in conjunction with, a BOCES

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

Assure that the duration of training and retraining is sufficient to train on all 9 elements from Section 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents (which includes, but is not limited to, training on the proper application or use of the rubric).

Initial training**Do all evaluators receive the same initial training?**

Yes, all evaluators receive the same initial training.

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Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive? 2-6 hours**Retraining****Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?** 2-6 hours**Certification of Lead Evaluators****How often are lead evaluators certified?** Other (please provide additional information below)**In the box below, please indicate how often lead evaluators are re-certified.**

Every 3 years

Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators. BOCES**Inter-rater Reliability**

Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the observation process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that observations are being completed with fidelity.

Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.***Please check all that apply.***

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- Data analysis to detect disparities on the part of the evaluators
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- Periodic comparisons of an evaluator's assessment of the same classroom teacher

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Teacher Evaluation Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the LEA 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 evaluation, 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 Section 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 locally-developed assessment that has not been approved by the Department; and any growth or achievement target that does not meet the minimum standards as set forth in regulations of the Commissioner. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

Assessment Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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 scoring of those assessments.

Data Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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 LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.
- Assure that scores for all teachers will be reported to SED for each subcomponent, as well as the overall rating, as per SED requirements.
- Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

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

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Required Student Performance Measures

The required student performance measure for a principal may be either a student learning objective (SLO) or an input model, where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.

Individually attributed measures

An individually attributed SLO is based on the learning outcomes of a student population within the principal's building or program.

> *Individually attributed results:* scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the principal's building/program in the current school year.

Collectively attributed measures

A collectively attributed SLO is based on a student population across multiple buildings/programs of similar grade configuration or across multiple building/programs where the learning activities of one building/program indirectly contribute to student learning outcomes in another building/program. When determining whether to use a collectively attributed SLO, the LEA should consider:

- identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where there is an opportunity for a collective impact on student learning;
- identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);
- the impact on the LEA's ability to make strong and equitable inferences regarding an individual educator's effectiveness; and
- when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

> *Collectively attributed results:* scores and ratings for the selected principals will be based on the growth of students in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.

> *Collectively attributed group or team results:* scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of principals' buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

ASSESSMENTS

Any of the measures above may be used with one or more of the following assessment types.

- **State assessment(s);** or

Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:

- **third party assessments;** or
 - **locally-developed assessments** (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).
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INPUT MODEL*Selection of the Input Model will require:*

- a description of the areas of principal practice that will be evaluated;
- a description of how the selected areas of principal practice promote student growth;
- a description of the evidence of student growth and principal practice that will be collected; and
- a description of how the district will use the evidence to differentiate effectiveness resulting in a score from 0 to 20 and ratings of Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, or Ineffective.

Measure Type(s)**Please indicate below which type(s) of measures will be used to evaluate principals. Please check all that apply.**

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- Student Learning Objective (SLO)

Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

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- Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs and/or input models.
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- 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 Educator Evaluation plan.

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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%

SLO Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that for any SLO based, in part, on the New York State grade four science assessment, once the assessment is no longer administered the SLO will utilize only the remaining assessments.
- For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that such SLO is determined locally in a manner consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.
- For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that all student growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined locally in a manner consistent with the Commissioner's goal-setting process. Such targets may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learner status and prior academic history.
- For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that all student growth targets shall measure the change in a student's performance between the baseline and the end of the course.
- For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that if the principal's SLO is based on a small 'n' size population and the LEA chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed above, then the principal's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in SLO Guidance.

Measures and Assessments

Use the table below to list all applicable principals with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).

Choose "Add a Row" to include an additional group of principals with a different measure and assessment(s).

Building Configuration(s) for Applicable Principals	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)	Applicable School or BOCES-Program
Select all that apply		Select all that apply	Select all that apply	Select all that apply	Please leave blank unless instructed by the Department to complete this column.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Principals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collectively attributed results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Regents given in LEA			(No Response)

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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 percentage of the Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent will be locally determined.

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.

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Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined if selected.

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all programs or buildings with the same grade configuration in the LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;
- Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (F) Four, five, or six-year high school graduation rates;
- Option (G) An input model where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards; or
- Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.

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

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

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Principal School Visit Category

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

For the school visit category, principals' shall be evaluated based on a State-approved rubric using multiple sources of evidence collected and incorporated into the school visit protocol. Where appropriate, such evidence may be aligned to building or district goals; provided, however, that professional goal-setting may not be used as evidence of teacher or principal effectiveness. Such evidence shall reflect school leadership practice aligned to the Leadership Standards and selected practice rubric.

Principal Practice Rubric

Select a principal practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess principal practice based on ISLLC 2008 Standards (PSEL standards beginning in 2024-25).

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)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all principals in the same or similar programs or grade configurations across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for a principal assigned to different programs or grade configurations as indicated in the table above.
- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all school visits for a principal across the school visit types in a given school year.

Rubric Rating Process

For more information on the Principal School Visit category see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The following is one example of how an LEA might score principal school visits using the selected practice rubric: *Domains 1-4 of the MPPR rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 2 and 3 are weighted as 40% each, and Domains 1 and 4 are weighted as 10% each. For each school visit, evidence is collected for all observed subcomponents in a domain. A holistic score is then determined for each domain. These domain scores are weighted as indicated above to reach a final score for each school visit. Scores for each school visit are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each school visit type. The LEA will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be addressed at least once across the school visit cycle.*

Use the following section to describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

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Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the designation of components of the selected practice rubric as observable is locally negotiated.
- Assure that all components of the selected practice rubric designated as observable are assessed at least once, and that each of the ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards (PSEL standards beginning in 2024-25) is covered, across the total number of annual school visits.
- Assure that a component designated as ineffective is rated one (1), a component designated as developing is rated two (2), a component designated as effective is rated three (3), and a component designated as highly effective is rated four (4).
- Assure that the process for assigning scores and/or ratings for each principal school visit is consistent with locally determined processes, including practice rubric component weighting consistent with the description in this plan.

At what level are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) rated?

- Domain level (holistic rating of domain)

How are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) weighted?

- Each component is weighted equally and averaged

Scoring the School Visit Category

If an evaluator conducts multiple school visits of the same type, how are those school visits weighted?

Examples of school visits of the same type include but are not limited to:

- Two school visits by the superintendent with one early in the school year to discuss organizational goals and areas for progress weighted at 40% and one late in the school year to present evidence aligned to goals and areas for progress weighted at 60%
- Several school visits by the principal with one holistic score for each component of the rubric based on evidence collected and observed over the course of the school year.

Please note: Weighting across school visit type (i.e. Supervisor vs. Independent Evaluator) are described in the following section.

- Multiple school visits of the same type are weighted equally

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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 the next section, 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 school visits, a score of 0 will be assigned.

Principal School Visit Scoring Bands

The overall School Visit score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on locally determined ratings consistent with the ranges listed.

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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	0.00*	1.49 to 1.74

* In the event that an educator earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all school visits, a score of 0 will be assigned.

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.

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting

For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

Required Subcomponent 1: School visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)

- At least 80% of the Principal School Visit category score

Required Subcomponent 2: 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 Principal(s)

- No more than 10% of the Principal School Visit category score when selected

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

** The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

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

Supervisor/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer School Visit(s) [Optional]	Group of principals for which this weighting will apply <i>If only one group of principals is applicable, please list "All principals"</i>
90%	10%	0% [N/A]	All Principals

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Principal School Visits**The principal school visit category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.**

- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
 - School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.
 - LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct school visits in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.
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Required Subcomponents

- At least one of the required school visits **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**

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

- At least one school visit **must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained administrator.**

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

- At least one school visits **must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.**
- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the principal being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers, so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the principal being evaluated.

** The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

Optional Subcomponent: School Visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)

- **If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal.**
- Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

School Visit Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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; and/or use of professional goal-setting as evidence of principal effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
- Assure that the length of all school visits for principals will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
- Assure that at least one of the required school visits will be unannounced.
- Assure that school visits will not be conducted via video.

Number of School Visits

- At least one of the required school visits **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**
 - **Required Subcomponent 1: At least one school visit must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained**
-

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administrator (supervisor).

- **Required Subcomponent 2:** At least one school visit must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).
- **Optional Subcomponent:** If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal (peer principal).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of school visits for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of School Visits
Announced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	1
Unannounced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	0
Announced Independent Evaluator School Visits (Required Subcomponent 2)	0
Unannounced Independent Evaluator School Visits (Required Subcomponent 2)	1
Announced Peer School Visits (Optional)	N/A
Unannounced Peer School Visits (Optional)	N/A

Does the information in the table above apply to all principals?

- Yes, all principals receive the same number of school visits of each type.

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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.

Please also read the additional assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver, the second school visit(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee. See Section 30-3.5(c)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 9 of the LEA's approved Section 3012-d Educator Evaluation plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.5(c)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

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Peer School Visit Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that peer principals, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if school visits are being conducted by trained peer principal(s), these principal(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Category and Overall Ratings

For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Category Scoring Ranges

The overall Student Performance category score and the overall School Visit category score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on the ranges listed in the tables below.

Student Performance Category			Principal School Visit Category		
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.			HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally-determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.		
	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating			Overall School Visit Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20	H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	15	17	E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	13	14	D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	12	I	0.00	1.49 to 1.74

Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

The overall rating for an educator shall be determined according to a methodology described in the matrix below.

		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

Category and Overall Rating Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- 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.

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Additional Requirements

For guidance on additional requirements for principals, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Principal Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective 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 their 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.

Principal Improvement Plan Forms

All PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their 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 Educator Evaluation plan, upload the PIP forms that are used in the LEA.

Principal Improvement Plan.pdf

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Appeals Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.
- Assure that an appeal shall not be filed until a principal's receipt of their overall rating.

Appeals

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

- (1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; 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 LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;
- (3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and
- (4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Please review your negotiated appeal process and use the table below to describe the appeal process available to principals.

<p>Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process?</p> <p><i>Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns.</i></p> <p><i>To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</i></p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating.</p> <p><i>Please select all that apply.</i></p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All principals (Select this option ONLY if ALL principals may appeal, including those who received a "Highly Effective" or "Effective" rating.)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: 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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's adherence to the standards</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-30 days</p>

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<p>Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process? <i>Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</i></p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. <i>Please select all that apply.</i></p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
	<p>and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p>	

If "Other" was selected in the table above, please list the corresponding row number and group(s) of principals that may utilize the appeals process.

Row Number	Groups of principals not specified in the table above that may utilize the appeals process.
(No Response)	(No Response)

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Training Assurance**Please read the assurance below and check the box.**

The LEA 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 evaluators and peer principals need only be trained on, at a minimum, elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

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 any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its principals
4. Application and use of the State-approved principal rubric(s) selected by the LEA 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 LEA 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 LEA to evaluate its principals
7. Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System
8. The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA 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
9. Specific considerations in evaluating principals of English language learners and students with disabilities

Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Evaluators, and Peer Principals and Certification of Lead Evaluators

For a definition of terms used in this section, please see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

Please answer the questions below to describe the training process for all evaluators.

Evaluator Training**Please describe how training and retraining evaluators is conducted.*****Check all that apply.***

As a component district, training is conducted by, or in conjunction with, a BOCES

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

Assure that the duration of training and retraining is sufficient to train on all 9 elements from Section 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents (which includes, but is not limited to, training on the proper application or use of the rubric).

Initial training**Do all evaluators receive the same initial training?**

Yes, all evaluators receive the same initial training.

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Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive? 2-6 hours**Retraining****Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?** 2-6 hours**Certification of Lead Evaluators****How often are lead evaluators certified?** Other (please provide additional information below)**In the box below, please indicate how often lead evaluators are re-certified.**

Every 3 years

Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators. BOCES**Inter-rater Reliability**

Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the school visit process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that school visits are being completed with fidelity.

Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.***Please check all that apply.*** Other (please provide additional information below)**Other than those specified above, what elements are in place to ensure inter-rater reliability?**

This will be done using previous evaluations.

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Principal Evaluation Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the LEA 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 evaluation 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 Section 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 locally-developed assessment that has not been approved by the department; and any growth or achievement target that does not meet the minimum standards as set forth in regulations of the Commissioner. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

Assessment Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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 scoring of those assessments.

Data Assurances**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- 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 LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.
- Assure that scores for all principals will be reported to SED for each subcomponent, as well as the overall rating, as per SED requirements.
- Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.

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Task 12. Joint Certification of Educator Evaluation Plan - Upload Certification Form

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Upload Educator Evaluation LEA 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.

Implementation of the Evaluation Plan

Please indicate below the first academic year to which this evaluation plan will be applicable.

2022-23

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

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ROYALTON HARTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher Improvement Plan

Teacher Name: _____

Grade level/subject: _____

Administrator: _____

Date: _____

If a teacher's performance is evaluated as "ineffective" or "developing," the supervisor will be required to develop a Teacher Improvement Plan in consultation with the teacher. The teacher shall be entitled to RHTA representation for the development of this Plan. Such Plan will be provided to the staff member and implemented by October 1st of the school year following the school year in which the educator's performance was rated ineffective or developing. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, an identification of the areas in need of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, suggestions for improvement, support to be provided, and measurable outcomes to be evaluated.

1. **Targeted Goals**, Areas for Improvement:

Instructional Planning:

Student Assessment:

Classroom Management:

Fulfillment of Professional responsibilities:

2. **Expected Outcomes**

List specific expectations related to the target goals identified in Section 1:

List specific activities related to the target goals identified in Section 1:

3. **Recommended Resources:**

Identify the lead evaluator who has oversight of the TIP:

List specific materials, people, workshops to be used to support the TIP:

Identify the instrument or rubrics used to monitor progress:

4. **Timeline for Measuring Achievement of Expected Outcomes:**

Identify dates for classroom observations consistent with APPR Plan:

Identify dates for progress meetings with administrators related to each identified targeted goal:

Identify dates for quarterly assessment of overall progress:

Principal Improvement Plan

Name of Principal _____

School Building _____ Academic Year _____

Such Plan will be provided to the staff member and implemented by October 1st of the school year following the school year in which the educator's performance was rated ineffective or developing. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, an identification of the areas in need of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, suggestions for improvement, support to be provided, and measurable outcomes to be evaluated.

Deficiency that promulgated the "ineffective" or "developing" performance rating:

Improvement Goal/Outcome:

Action Steps/Activities:

Timeline for completion:

Required and Accessible Resources, including identification of responsibility for provision:

Dates of formative evaluation on progress (lead evaluator and principal initial each date to confirm the meeting:

December:

March:

Other:

Evidence to be provided for Goal Achievement:

LEA CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Educator Evaluation plan.

By signing this document, the LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s) certify that the Educator Evaluation plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval constitutes the school LEA's complete Educator Evaluation plan, that all provisions of the plan that are subject to collective negotiations have been resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and that such plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d as amended by the Laws of 2019 and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and has been adopted by the governing body of the LEA.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify, upon information and belief, that 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 the Educator Evaluation plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that this Educator Evaluation plan is the LEA's complete Educator Evaluation plan and that such plan will be fully implemented by the LEA; 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 Educator Evaluation 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 school district and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also acknowledge that if approval of this Educator Evaluation plan is rejected or rescinded for any reason, any State aid increases received as a result of the Commissioner's approval of this Educator Evaluation plan may be withheld or forfeited by the State pursuant to Education Law §3012-d(11).

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also make the following specific certifications with respect to their Educator Evaluation plan:

- Assure that the overall Educator Evaluation rating will be used as a significant factor in employment decisions, including but not limited to: tenure determinations and teacher and principal improvement plans;
- Assure that the entire Educator Evaluation will be completed for each teacher or principal as soon as practicable but in no case later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the classroom teacher or building principal's performance is being measured;
- Assure that the LEA shall compute and provide to the teacher/principal their score and rating on the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Teacher Observation category or Principal School Visit Category of a teacher's or principal's APPR, 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 following the year in which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured;
- Assure that the Educator Evaluation plan will be filed in the LEA's office and made available to the public on the LEA's 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 complete and accurate teacher and student data will be provided to the Commissioner in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA will continue to report to the State individual subcomponent scores and the overall rating for each classroom teacher and building principal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA 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 any teacher or principal who receives an Overall Rating of Developing or Ineffective in any school year will receive a Teacher Improvement Plan or Principal Improvement Plan, in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations, by October 1 of the school year following the year in which such teacher's or principal's performance was measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- Assure that such improvement plan shall be developed by the superintendent or their designee in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and shall be subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law;
- Assure that all evaluators and lead evaluators, including independent evaluators and peer evaluators, as applicable, will be properly trained and that lead evaluators will be certified and recertified as necessary in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations;
- Assure that LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the statute and regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal to the LEA;
- 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 LEA 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 or achievement will be used across all classrooms in the same grade/subject, for teachers, or similar building configurations/programs, for principals, in the LEA will be used in a consistent manner to the extent practicable;
- Assure that all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth;
- Assure that any material changes to this Educator Evaluation plan will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval by March 1 of each school year;
- Assure that the LEA 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:

Jill Heck 3/20/2023

Superintendent Name (print):

Jill Heck

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

Matthew J. Peraccini 3/22/2023

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Administrative Union President Signature:

Date: 3/20/2023

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Date: 3/21/2023

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