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New York Applies for \$100 Million Grant Proposal Designed to Improve Early Childhood Education

At the end of October, Governor Cuomo announced that NYS applied for the U.S. Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant. This Grant is geared towards increasing access to quality early learning programs for low income and disadvantaged children, designing integrated and transparent systems that align early care and education programs, training the early learning workforce, creating robust evaluation systems to document and share effective practices and successful programs, and helping parents make informed decisions about care for their children.

New York's application centers around the use of *QUALITYStarsNY (QSNY)*, a tool that rates early childhood learning programs based on how they meet common standards. In partnership with NYSED, the state will develop a *Kindergarten Readiness Tool (KRT)* that will inform teachers' instruction and help parents become involved in their child's development. Decisions regarding awardees will be determined in mid-December 2011. See the Governor's full press release [here](#).

National Report Card Scores Released

New York State Education Department Commissioner John King expressed deep disappointment regarding the State's decline in student scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Click [here](#) to view the Department's press release. Nationally, scores either remained flat or grew modestly. "The modest increases in NAEP scores are reason for concern as much as optimism," stated U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Click [here](#) for the U.S. press release, and here to view the National Report Card - [Reading](#) or National Report Card - [Math](#).

New York State Education Department Commissioner John King Addresses the Council of School Superintendents During Fall Conference

The Commissioner's message set forth a broad vision for school reform, highlighting the impact of student success towards college and career readiness. Click [here](#) to review the Department's press release. Click [here](#) to for the Commissioner's power-point presentation.

Investing in Innovation (i3) Finalists Announced

The U.S. Department of Education named 23 top applicants for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Program who will continue as finalists for the \$150 million grant. These finalists must now secure matching private funds by December 9, 2011 to receive funding. This year's competition included two new priorities aimed at promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and increasing achievement and high school graduation rates in rural schools. See the full press release along with the 23 finalists [here](#).

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NYSED Office of the Professions

State Boards of the Profession

The following Boards are scheduled to meet in November:

- [Architecture](#) - November 16
- [Public Accountancy](#) - November 16

For more information regarding specific agenda items, please click on the Board link provided.

Carl McCall Appointed Chair of the State University of New York Board of Trustees

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced on Monday, October 17th, the appointment of [H. Carl McCall](#) to serve as chairman of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees.

Mr. McCall has served on the SUNY Board of Trustees since 2007 and currently chairs both the SUNY Finance and Administration Committee, and the State University Construction Fund. From 1993 to 2002 Mr. McCall served as Comptroller of the State of New York, where as Chief Fiscal Officer of the state, he was responsible for governmental and financial oversight and pension fund management.

DATES OF INTEREST

November 14	NYS Board of Regents
November 21 & 22	SUNY Board of Trustees
November 28	CUNY Board of Trustees

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR

“Merger of the Department of Correctional Services and the Division of Parole into the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)”

Date/Time: November 10, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.

Host: Assembly Standing Committee on Correction, Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry, Chair

Location: Roosevelt Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, New York

“Impact of merging the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and the Division of Criminal Justice Services on probation and alternative to incarceration services and funding”

Date/Time: November 17, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

Host: Joint Assembly Committee on Codes, Assembly Member Joseph Lentol, Chair & Assembly Committee on Corrections, Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry, Chair

Location: Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor, New York, New York

“A Roundtable Discussion on the current and future issues and concerns of human services administrators, advocates and clients”

Date/Time: November 29, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

Host: Joint - Senate Standing Committee on Social Services, Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, Chair & Senate Standing Committee on Children and Families, Senator Diane J. Savino, Chair

Location: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York

“Funding Public Libraries in New York State”

Date/Time: November 29, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

Host: Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, Assembly Member Bob Reilly, Chair

Location: Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, New York

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Higher Education Service Corporation

...releases their 2010-2011

Annual Report

...also releases Proposed Regulations relating to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

New York State Council of School Superintendents

*Training for Lead Evaluators of Principals
A Professional Development Program on the New APPR Requirements*

Offered in Collaboration with the New York State Education Department

November 14-15, 2011- Long Island, NY

FUNDING OPPORUNITIES

2011-12 Title I [School Improvement](#) Section 1003(a) Grant Application. *Due November 12, 2011*

[Curriculum Modules and Statewide Professional Development](#) for New York State English Language Arts & Literacy and Mathematics. *Due November 21, 2011*

[Graduate-Level Clinically-Rich Principal Preparation Pilot Program](#) will support proposals that develop innovative, clinically-rich principal preparation pilot program partnerships that will prepare cohorts of candidates to take roles as principals or assistant principals in high-need, low-achieving schools, and with high concentrations of underserved and/or underprepared students. *Due November 29, 2011 by 3:00 PM*

RFP for the State-Level Evaluation of the New York State [21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\)](#) Program. Eligible applicants may include: local education agencies (LEAs), BOCES, public or private institutions of higher education, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations or agencies. *Due December 2, 2011*

2011-12 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for [Supplemental Educational Services \(SES\) Providers](#). Eligible applicants may include: community based organizations, charter schools, private schools, libraries, private companies, institutions of higher education, family literacy programs, BOCES, and faith-based organizations. *Due December 30, 2011*

2012-2015 [School District Performance Improvement](#) Competitive Grant Program. This program provides grants to public school districts that have demonstrated the most success in increasing student performance, narrowing the achievement gap, and increasing academic performance among students with the greatest educational needs. Preference will be given to those who submit a high quality plan that shows the most promise of building upon this success. *Due January 13, 2012 (Click [here](#) to view the Governor' Press release.)*

INTENT TO ISSUE RFP

[State Student Assessments for Science in Grades 4 and 6-8 and Social Studies in Grades 6-8](#) -- NYSED will be soliciting proposals for calibrated item banks that yield operational test forms in Science for grades 4, 6, 7, and 8, as well as in Social Studies for grades 6, 7, and 8. *Posted on NYSED website on 10/21/11*

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EDUCATION

Proposed Regulations/45 day Comment Period

- Certified Public Accountants [November 9, 2011 SED](#)

Emergency Adoption & Proposed Rule Making

- Annual Professional Performance Reviews for Classroom Teachers and Building Principals [October 26, 2011 SED](#)

Notice of Adoption

- Duties of the Executive Deputy Commissioner [November 2, 2011 SED](#)
- Flexibility in Teacher Certification [November 9, 2011 SED](#)
- Appeals Process for Local Diploma [November 9, 2011 SED](#)

New York Schools and Districts Are Identified for Improvement

The New York State Department of Education announced a total of 1325 elementary, middle and high schools, and 123 districts statewide have been identified for improvement under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), with the number of newly identified for improvement unprecedented. "This is just further evidence – as if we needed any – that we must move forward to reform our schools and change what is happening in our classrooms," Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch said. See the full press release [here](#).

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed Regulations/45 day Comment Period

- Designation of Two County Officials to be Emergency Contacts When a Youth is Remanded to an Out-of-County Detention Facility [October 26, 2011 OCFS](#)
- Multi-Year Contracts [October 26, 2011 OCFS](#)
- Provisions for Medical Director Coverage in Article 16 Clinics [October 26, 2011 OPWDD](#)
- Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Program Fees [November 9, 2011 OCFS](#)
- Qualifications for Personnel in Juvenile Detention Facilities [November 9, 2011 OCFS](#)
- Youth Bureau Executive Directors [November 9, 2011 OCFS](#)
- Requirements Pertaining to the Investigation and Review of Serious Reportable Incidents and Abuse Allegations [November 9, 2011 OPWDD](#)

Notice of Adoption

- Requirements for Training of Employees, Volunteers, Family Care Providers, and Board Members in the OPWDD System [October 26, 2011 OPWDD](#)
- Requirements Pertaining to the Investigation and Review of Serious Reportable Incidents and Abuse Medical Assistance Rates of Payment for Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth [November 2, 2011 OMH](#)
- Carbon Monoxide Detector Use in Residential Programs [November 2, 2011 OMH](#)
- Implementation of 1.1% Medicaid Fee Reductions for Operating Rates of Continuing Day Treatment Programs [November 2, 2011 OMH](#)

EVENTS of INTEREST

[Whatever it Takes: Strategies for Preventing Youth Disconnection](#)

This policy forum is co-sponsored by the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, the Children's Aid Society, and the Community Service Society.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 from 9 am - 5 pm

Venue: The New York City Bar Association

[Getting to the Next Steps of a Home Visiting System in New York: Strategies for Financing and Collaboration](#)

With special guest Deborah Daro, Ph.D., Associate professor and Research Fellow, Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

Date: Monday, December 5, 2011 from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Venue: Room 711A, Legislative Office Building, Albany